

**Online Meeting**, Thursday, 1/21/2021 @ 7:30 PM

**Members in attendance:** Steve Harte, Julie Gervais, Claire Galkowski, Jen Atkins, Sue McGown, Brian Bayer, Juliana Belding, Maria Costantini,

**Others in attendance:** Kathy Shinopoulos, Steven Olanoff, Dave Atkins

**Routine business:**

- 1/7/21 meeting minutes were approved
- 12/17/20 meeting minutes were approved

**Topics discussed w/next steps:**

**CEA Program Working Group**

- Working group will look at other CEA websites and develop language for the program and web site.
- Discussed a recommendation of how to name the program and describe the program. "Westwood Community Choice Electricity" was a recommended name for the program.
- Discussed how to report the energy content (i.e 10% more than required by state law or % of the total energy coming from renewables). Group suggested we present the % of the total energy coming from renewables.
- show the current Eversource rates.
- Eversource is the "delivery vehicle" vs. the "supplier". communicate that Eversource will still be the provider.
- Investigate benefits/credits residents can get for electric vehicles. A question was raised around the benefits provided by Eversource regarding charging electric vehicles. Answer, we think all the benefits will maintain.
- clarify the town's role in the program and make it an FAQ.
- as soon as the DPU authorizes the program we need to update the current CEA website.
- Confirmed that Good Energy is producing the marketing materials and web site.

**Next Steps:**

- Research and share information on electric vehicle benefits/credits
- Working group will follow up on the questions raised and meet with Stefano from Good Energy in regards to the materials.

**Discussion of official liaison to other town boards**

- we should have to have official points of contact with other town boards, for example the school committee and the DPW.
- Chair (Steve) will continue communications with the Town Administrator and the Select Board
- The Zoning Board of Appeals needs standards for ground mount solar arrays. (i.e. maximum height, tree removal, etc.)

**Next Steps:**

- Reach out and re-establish a contact with the school committee

- Establish a consistent point of contact with the Energy Manager
- Establish a consistent point of contact with the DPW

### **Sustainability and Resiliency Section of Comprehensive Plan**

- Claire reported on her notes from a recent conversation with the Energy Manager.
- Discussed a proposal for a Sustainability Coordinator Position for the town. When presenting the Sustainability Coordinator Position, focus on how it will save the town money, look at the provision in the climate bill and if there is state money available in grants from the state, look at what money the town Energy Manager has saved the town in the past, including grant money the town has received.

### **Next Steps:**

- Set up a call with the Town Manager to discuss the Sustainability Coordinator Position. As part of that meeting, also talk to Chris about how to get a grant to do an energy audit and data analysis.
- Look into DOER grants- Town of Arlington got a grant to do an energy audit
- Connect with the Police Chief on the Tesla concept

Adjourned: 9:32 PM

**Next meeting date:** February, 18 at 7:30 PM