

Location and time: Carby Street, 7:30 pm

Members in attendance: Stephen Harte (Chair), Maria Costantini (Vice Chair), Julie Gervais (Secretary), Claire Galkowski, Sue McGown, Jen Atkins, Pam Kane, Kate La Croix

Others in attendance: Tom Philbin, Nancy Hyde, Ryan Asselin (Ameresco), Michael Bakas (Ameresco), Dave Atkins, Peter Kane, Kathy Shinopoulos

Routine Business

Approval of minutes. Minutes from the November meeting were approved. Notes from the September meeting will be added to the WEAC Google Drive.

Topics Discussed

Discussion of Proposed Solar Projects in Westwood

Representatives from Ameresco presented the proposed phase 2 solar projects in Westwood, including the Police Station parking lot canopy, and roof, the Council on Aging parking lot canopy, the Shuttleworth field/Hanlon area, and the TMS roof.

The renewable energy produced from current projects was discussed. 46% of the municipal buildings are powered by renewable energy generated by solar on municipal buildings in Westwood, as well as a solar farm in Waltham which generates 2,000,000 Kw hours.

- The aesthetics of solar canopies was discussed. Examples of local solar canopies at schools include Natick High School and Walnut Hill.
- It was discussed that the Shuttleworth solar project could include space for pollinators, learning center for students, etc.
- It was agreed that it would be good to better promote the renewable energy generated from the existing solar project in Westwood.

Decisions: WEAC members voted to support further discussion of the Westwood phase 2 solar projects.

Next steps -The consultants will gather feedback through an additional Select Board meeting, then the proposal will go through the Planning Board.

Net Zero Energy Municipal Buildings

Discussed developing a net zero energy resolution for municipal buildings in Westwood that will be presented at town meeting.

It was discussed that Tom should get involved in the new school building meetings.

Decisions: WEAC members voted to draft and submit a resolution for the May Town Meeting to seek a net zero energy design in all future municipal buildings in Westwood.

Next Steps: Maria to discuss with Pat Ahern on process for a resolution for town meeting. Maria and Claire to develop the text for the resolution. Jan 6 is the deadline for Warrant article submission. At the January meeting we will discuss a plan to hire a consultant to provide the town with a greenhouse gas emission inventory and create a set of recommendations and plan to reduce emissions in the town.

Community Electricity Aggregation

Select Board authorized Good Energy to submit a plan to the DPU. Lawyer approved the DOER letter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Next meeting; January 9 at 7:30 p.m.