

**Location and time:** Westwood Town Hall, 7:30 pm

**Members in attendance:** Maria Costantini (Chair), Stephen Harte (Vice Chair), Julie Gervais (Secretary), Kate La Croix, Claire Galkowski,

**Others in attendance:** Sue McGown, Jan Galkowski

### **Routine Business**

Approval of minutes. Minutes were approved from March and April. May notes were also approved.

### **Topics Discussed**

#### **CEA:**

- Reviewed aggregation timeline and potential renewable energy percentage options.
- The Selectman will appoint a committee of 5 members, chaired by Tom Philbin, including 2 representatives from WEAC and 2-3 town residents. The committee will be involved in all phases of the project. Maria will be on the committee, as well as one other WEAC member, to be determined. The committee will work with the broker and the Energy Manager to develop a plan, which will be made available to the public and also presented at a public meeting for comments.
- Timing: March is a good time to go out for bid. Plan for a public review September.
- It was discussed about having a WEAC Booth at Westwood Day this year to communicate about CEA.

#### **Bring your own bag campaign:**

- The Bring Your Own Bag activities were discussed. The poster worked well. If we were to run the program again, we suggest that the stores give away reusable bags. Potentially offer a punch card for bringing your own bags.
- Reviewed results from bag survey:
  - 13% bring their own bag
  - 53% get plastic, rest get paper
- It was noted that we should strive to understand the impact of bag bylaws for example consumers buying plastic bags. It was suggested that we repeat the survey again next year.

#### **Plans for recycling at Westwood Day:**

- It was proposed that WEAC set up a recycling station at Westwood Day 2019. Claire and Kate to take the lead on developing the plan. We would need the help of student volunteers. We need to have a plan and layout for the recycling station by the July meeting and then we would present it to Nicole at the Westwood Rec Department. Need to consider

providing e signs and obtaining a tent and tables for the recycling area. Last year there were 40 bins, 20 for recycle, 20 for trash in total.

- Sue will contact Black Earth and follow up on the student mentoring program related to recycling.

**New Business:**

- Changes to the WEAC bylaws were discussed:
  - More than a third for a quorum
  - Expand committee to 9
  - Add a phone/web meeting option

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting; Wednesday the July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30