

## WEAC MEETING Minutes - July 2022

Online meeting, Thursday, 7/21/22 @ 7:30 PM

**Members in attendance:** Julie Gervais, Maria Costantini, Steve Harte, Brian Bayer, Kate La Croix, Juliana Belding, Sue McGown, Leslie Greffenius

**Others in attendance:** Tom Philbin (Energy Manager), Ellen Larkin Rollings (Planning Board)

**Routine business:** The May 2022 meeting minutes were approved

**Topics discussed w/next steps:**

**CCE Update:**

1. Maria reported that, after the DPU approval and its request for an extensive new filing within one- week, Good Energy submitted a Motion for Clarification and Reconsideration on behalf of the Town of Westwood. The date of submission was June 27, 2022. So far there has been no answer from the DPU.
2. **Next Steps:** wait until we hear from DPU to decide next steps

**Solar Initiatives- Phase 2**

1. Julie said that the small subgroup of WEAC (Solar Energy Workgroup) held a public meeting to discuss how to address concerns from the public regarding future solar projects and discuss the outline of a presentation prepared by Mr. Gotti.
2. Tom Philbin reported that Ameresco has decided to apply to Eversource (Block 6) for the electric connection to the high school even though the School Committee did not yet make a decision on the project, which will entail the installation of canopies in the High School parking lot. Ameresco decided to take the risk in order to secure the highest incentives. The approval of the School Committee will be needed when it is time to sign Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Eversource. The other solar initiatives include canopies at the Council on Aging and solar panels at the Thurston Middle School and the Police Station. The PPA is ultimately signed by the Town Administrator when the school committee and Select Board agree to go forward.
3. **Next Steps:** continue our campaign to inform the public about the importance of these solar initiatives.

**Westwood Day Composting Initiative**

1. Kate reported that Black Earth will provide compost bins at Westwood Day. She would like to encourage residents to sign up with them for compost pick up. Her efforts lately have focused on contacting the vendors and convincing them to use the composting silverware and dinnerware WEAC will provide for free. She said that Wegman and Roche Brothers have agreed to make a denotation of \$1000 each. Sue and Maria volunteered to help her contact the vendors, find out what they need, and deliver the materials.
2. Kate noted that the Recreation Department staff has not made a final decision about the location of the WEAC composting station. She asked that the station be located near the food court.

**Discussion of New Initiatives:** this discussion was postponed to the fall so that WEAC members can devote time to prepare for Westwood Day (i.e., informational posters and composting station) and to follow the CCE.

**Adjourned:** 9:00 PM

**Next meeting date:** August 18, 2022 at 7:30 PM