

Waltham Energy Action Committee

Thursday 7pm, December 13, 2012

Public Meeting Room, Government Center, 119 School St.

Minutes

Members Present:

Kathy Randel, Leo Keightley, Eileen Zubrowski, Melissa Downes

Others Present:

Alisa Roznerita (Brandeis intern, working with Eileen,)

Bob Ferrone (WS COC)

Amy Gortler

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Ms. Randel called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Welcome

Alisa introduced herself. It was noted that, among other things, Alisa had helped create the list, of Waltham companies doing green R&D, provided to Councillor Stephen Rourke to help address Criteria 1 and 2 zoning changes for a future GC application.

[Accept November minutes - Kathy](#)

November minutes were accepted unanimously with a typo change:

Take out "Stepped" under Bentley project

[Strategy for Government Center, City Hall, and Public Library building energy efficiency projects – Tony](#)

Tony has resigned so Kathy is leading the discussion.

Leo asked if we have the available effort to do this project

Kathy moved the discussion to reaching out for more members

- See "Additional Items / Kathy reviewed a few outreach possibilities" below.

Kathy had distributed (via email) Tony's "Adopt A Building Project.doc"

The City does have money for upgrading a couple of buildings

- At the October meeting The Mayor mentioned City Hall, Govt. Center, and said we can add the Library.

Action: Kathy will talk to Joe Pedula and Don Cusano to understand where we are with NStar and NGrid

- Amy and Eileen said they can attend meeting(s) with Joe and Don.
- Kathy said it may just be a phone call. She will start with a phone call.

[PV Follow up](#)

[Forward Capacity Markets Update – Tony](#)

- See "Tracing PV billing credits" below

[PV Dashboard – Leo](#)

- There has been no action on this beyond the initial request for information from Tim Kelley.

[Tracing PV billing-credits - Eileen](#)

- Eileen said she will talk to Joe Pedula about how are we doing with optimizing returns back from the PV installation. She said there are some discrepancies in understanding among Tony, Andy, and Gerry.

Possible sources and/or assistance for funding the refrigeration upgrades that will result in substantial reduction in energy use at the ice rink – Leo

Leo said leads so far haven't resulted in contact with people who are knowledgeable about this. He will check with Tony.

Northeast Elementary School update - Amy

Amy said her goal of envisioned presentations at Northeast Elementary is for students to go home and talk up energy conservation.

- Nadene Stein (School Principal) was the initial contact on this project.
- Amy was referred to the "Science Coordinator" who proposed a presentation on energy to 4th grade. Amy checked for existing curricula and found only one (from San Francisco). There are a lot of courses, but not curricula. Maybe this has to be limited to energy conservation.
 - Not for instance, why people should conserve energy
- Nadine didn't know the panels on the Northeast Elementary School are now turned on.
- Bob noted that NStar will do a presentation on energy.

New Logo? - Eileen's intern, Alisa Roznerita

Alisa passed around a very nice logo sample with "WEAC" letters underscored by a power cord that is also a branch with leaves.

Green Communities Update - Kathy

Joanne Bissetta (Regional State GC Coordinator) said the next application period is fall '13.

Kathy is hesitant to commit to another application round lead by WEAC.

The Waltham Planning Department is interested in doing a GC application.

Kathy suggested and then motioned to pass the GC application on to them. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

Forum Brainstorm - Tony

This item was skipped.

Bentley Student Project update – Kathy

Kathy attended a meeting last Sunday (09-Nov.) with a Bentley group to hear recommendations for WEAC facebook and web sites (mostly Facebook). A report will be generated by the Bentley group.

Representation at Waltham Bicycle Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Adobe Systems , 21 Hickory Drive - Kathy

3 people may go: Kathy, Eileen, Melissa. They will rsvp as needed.

Additional Items:

Kathy has caught up putting up minutes on web site

Bob noted, on Tue 18-Dec, Rick Oches' group doing a presentation to the business community.

Outreach for new members:

- Kathy reviewed a few outreach possibilities
- Kathy also suggested using non-member resources

Bob suggested we check with GETI for resources (a particular individual "Dan" is an example)

- For example, Dan could go into the Library and create a list of projects and project priorities.
- Also there are good volunteers at the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation We should check with museum to see how this is done.

Gerry Bingham and Tony can't make meetings or do projects, but may be able to provide limited consultation.

Kathy wants an additional category for these people (resources)

- Leo noted non members are already on subcommittees. Is non-member help a sufficient category?
- Kathy said it is not, she wants an additional category to better control communication and who is engaged.

Amy said she may ask her neighbors

- Melissa suggested checking with local businesses.
- Bob suggested checking with NGrid and NSTAR (if we have a project lined up they will respond). Kathy mentioned Mass Save, NSTAR, and NGrid may not be responsive because they are upset about non action on the Municipal Center audit. Also, another auditor may provide a higher grade audit.
- It was decided to hold until we get the NSTAR and NGrid situation ironed out.

Closing:

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 17, 2013, 7pm-9pm - Public Meeting Room, Government Center, 119 School St.

The committee adjourned at 9:10 PM.