

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2016

Jillian, Amy, Marc, Kathy and Beth

CDBG

Boiler and replacement. What kind of fuel is it? Jillian is happy to help with the process. Suggests we ask for recommendations for boiler replacement is it worth it to keep repairing it?

Accelerated energy program state building started under Patrick. Large comprehensive projects. Small simple fixes for under \$100,000. Green Communities law says it doesn't have to go out to bid under \$100K. Lighting. Control on thermostats. Not windows or envelope cuz those are expensive. Furnace is expensive.

Gas Leaks Update

Mothers Out Front tag gas leaks in Waltham aiming for March. 150 leaks, leaks probably undercounted by 1.7. Tagging will be signs identifying leaks. Gathering data. Breaking city up into sections and teams going out to identify leaks with a flag. To raise awareness. Arlington did it. Brookline maybe Cambridge. Did a gas leak provision pass with the energy bill in the state legislature? Kathy would like to see a "to-do" on the flag. Talk to other communities to see what they've encountered. Their town manager was supportive (Arlington) so they didn't have any trouble. Made a big map of the gas leaks map put it in library. Brandeis rep students might be interested. Rick Oches for Bentley. We'll all help post flags. In Arlington there was a phone number for people to call. Does Waltham have more gas lines because we distribute natural gas scent to other surrounding communities? Does Kaj know someone who works at gas company? Start an online petition to write to their state reps/senators. Make sure our reps/senators know. Contact Mike Barrett for update about where things stand and what would be a good next step.

Green Communities Update

Parking lot installation of one acre. As of rite zoning for commercial generation. Ask Mayor if she would be willing to do this.

High School Plans on website – we should try and have some influence. LEED certified. The Mayor really cares about building the new high school. Check Waltham High School website for public input in this process. Open meetings? Ask Kaj if he wants to take the lead on this.

META Grants Green Communities put out – technical assistance grants. Use them to get an audit done. Hire someone to help with application. Could someone coordinate process between us, the Mayor, and City Council. Help us with energy action plan. Watch DOER and GC newsletters in the new year.

Relevant Facebook and Twitter posts to Beth if we have them. Amy will have stuff. Things in the news. Information on legislation.

Marc – area of interest? Recycling at hotel. He works at one of greenest hotels in Boston. In room recycling in guest rooms. He incorporated Keurig program test pilot, grounds to grow on 2011 started. Collecting pods. Ship bins to Indianapolis. Keurig broke down grounds and plastic used for renewable

energy. Agricycle in Maine does the same thing. Housekeeping pulls Keurig out of trash. 100,000 portion cases are sent to the program. Banquets 10-14,000 pounds of food composted a month. Boston Green Tourism member. Save That Stuff. Could find out more. For the new high school incorporate recycling and composting program. Is it part of LEED points?