

Waltham Energy Action Committee

Thursday 7pm, August 08, 2013

Public Meeting Room, Government Center, 119 School St.

Minutes

Members Present:

Kathy Randel, Leo Keightley, Eileen Zubrowski, Melissa Downes

Others Present:

Grace Babula

Jim Mniece

Amy Gortler

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

Welcome

Grace Introduced herself. She is working at Nova Biomedical as a chemist. She has been looking for a way to get involved in the community, especially in renewable energy and found the WEAC web site and decided to attend a meeting.

[Accept April, May, and June minutes \(Kathy\)](#)

April, May, and June minutes were unanimously accepted with certain typo corrections.

[City Hall and Government Center Update \(Leo\)](#)

Leo circulated a draft of a note from WEAC to the Mayor recommending that Certain building structural and HVAC audits, focused on significant energy use reduction, be performed on City Hall and Government Center prior to putting certain items, from the Mayor's Recommended FY 2013 - 2015 Capital Improvement Program, out to bid.

There were two agreed upon revisions to be made to the note.

Members voted unanimously to send the note to the Mayor as soon as the revisions are made.

[Next Step Living Solar Campaign \(Eileen\)](#)

Jim & Eileen have finished a letter to the Mayor seeking support of the Next Step Living campaign so the campaign can start in September. Kathy will deliver the letter to the Mayor.

[WEAC Table at Greenwatch \(Eileen\)](#)

Greenwatch will be on Sat., 05-Oct, and the WEAC Table was discussed. Amy has been trying to find a waltham insulation company to do insulation demo, Jim has been talking to Peter Smith (Newton COC) to borrow a generator bike that is used to demonstrate various lamp (incandescent, cfl, led) efficiencies. Bob suggested we look into what kind of handouts NStar & National Grid have. Eric Olson will show people (focusing on children) how to make soil & then plant a seed. Mike Barnet has computerized apps regarding ecology.

Kathy noted that on the same day as Greenwatch, the Library is hosting Community Day and there is a New England Solar Open House program. She suggested we make people aware of these events and possibly these events can make people aware of Greenwatch. In the case of the Solar Open House

program, possibly we could identify certain local houses in the program.

Waltham Day Tabling (Kathy)

Waltham Day is on Sat., Sep. 21 .from 10 to 3. Kathy submitted WEAC's application this week. WEAC's next meeting just 2 days before event so we need to decide before then how we will participate.

Stretch Code Survey (Kathy)

1 Year from July 1, '12 was the 1 year anniversary of when the Stretch Code went into effect in Waltham. Kathy circulated a questionnaire (survey) to distribute (Tribune and Patch were 2 distribution methods). There was substantial discussion of content, wording, and additional suggested questions.

Complete Streets Update (Kathy)

In response to the Main Street sidewalks project, Kathy wrote a letter asking mayor to consider including complete streets features. There has been no response to that letter. On Monday night, 05-Aug., the City Council discussed a Moody street sidewalk project and ther was no mention of Complete Streets. Kathy said she is at loss to figure out how to get City to apply Complete Streets in Waltham.

A decision was made to do an executive summary on the Complete Streets training session from April. This was distributed to Councillors Darcey and Stanley who had expressed interest in learning more.

Marketing WEAC and Welcoming New Members (Kathy)

Kathy could use help on outreach projects.

Melissa noted that Allison Mooney may be available again.

Additional Item(s)

Amy said she will be reaching out this fall to the schools to do the greenhouse affect presentation again.

Closing

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 19, 2013, 7pm-8:35pm

- Public Meeting Room, Government Center, 119 School St.

The committee adjourned at 8:45 PM.