

Waltham Energy Action Committee

Thursday 7pm, July 12, 2012

Public Meeting Room, Government Center, 119 School St.

Minutes

Members Present:

Kathy Randel, Leo Keightley, Melissa Downs, Tony Dover, Emily Starr

Others Present:

agenda in [blue](#)

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

[Accept June minutes. - Kathy](#)

Leo suggested accepting both May and June since May has been updated as requested at the June meeting.

May minutes are accepted by unanimous vote.

June minutes, with a small change made during the discussion are accepted by unanimous vote.

- Under Communication Update / WCACTV filming .. , Melissa and Stacy will make arrangements with WCAC, not Eileen. Also the 4th bullet under WCACTV filming .. , which mentions Eileen, is removed.

[Transportation and Bicycling Update - Leo](#)

Leo reviewed his notes from the meeting.

Kathy mentioned the 2 upcoming Baystate Roads Program workshops:

(<http://baystateroads.eot.state.ma.us/>)

- Moving Together 2012
- Every Day Counts (EDC) Exchange V: Adaptive Signal Control Technology (scheduled for August 16th, Free!)

[Green Communities Update - Stephen](#)

- Kathy: Kathy wrote to the .Bldg. Dept. about implementation of the Stretch Code. A return email said they thought stretch code never passed. Kathy contacted Steven who said he will look into it.
- There is still no date for next GC meeting which will probably occur in August. This meeting is in response to Steve's request to meet for project planning.
- The State has opened a fall opportunity for Stretch Code application.
- Concerning the Planning Dept, Jim LaCrosse said we should wait for the new planning director before involving this department.

[Communication Update – Emily](#)

Initial communications planned by this subcommittee will be to residents about MassSave and PV incentives.

This subcommittee proposes working with transportation and sustainability (now Complete Streets and GC) efforts to tell people about these efforts.

- Melissa and Tony thought this is good for consistency of branding and taking advantage of WEAC

members who know how to do outreach.

A possible lead on somebody to update the WEAC web site might not work out so we are still looking for someone to do this.

We will build up our facebook page (25 likes .. want more). Emily and possibly Stacy will work on this.

Priorities Meeting Update - Kathy

- Kathy reviewed meeting from yesterday (see minutes for the 11-jul-'12 WEAC meeting).
- Steampunk and Riverfest (May and June) were added as items on the yearly outlook as well as a Stretch Code review in the Fall of '13.
- Tony suggested, if CG gets stalled (or as part of it) that WEAC could "adopt" a couple of buildings that are particularly energy wasteful and see what it takes to maximize improvement for them as examples of methods and benefits. WEAC could get the community involved.
 - Members agreed to look at this.
 - We decided to have Tony work up a white paper for next WEAC meeting and also present this to GCsubcom (part of the strategy discussion).
 - If we don't become GC then this can be independent program.
 - Maybe the library would be good.

Other business as required.

- Kathy will make list of tasks and distribute it. Then it will be included with minutes of this meeting as file "2012-m07-d12_ToDo.pdf."
- Hubway: Melissa: Even if inter city interconnects don't connect to a town, it can be its own node. Waltham could be its own Node even though we don't connect back into Boston. Contract and ownership of equipment resides with the municipality (Waltham). Funding: \$100,000 for a station from the municipality and sponsors.
Melissa suggested this should be part of CS plan.
- Kathy: Climate Summer will be at Brandeis meeting tomorrow eve (7 to 9). Nobody, so far, is available to speak from WEAC.

Closing

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 9, 2012, 7pm-9pm - Public Meeting Room, Government Center, 119 School St.

The committee adjourned at 8:50 PM.