



Minutes

June 17, 2015

Present: Mark Mullins, Brendan Welch, Suzy Enos, Taissir Alani, Margot Fleishman, Aubrey Jaffer, Carrie Sarno
Absent: Mike McAllister, Amy Lloyd, Robert Kalantari
Minute taker: Suzy Enos

Mark presented the minutes from May. Carrie moved to approve. Suzy seconded. Approved 5-0-0.

Community Choice Aggregation

Mark attended the Municipal Energy Managers meeting. CCA was a hot topic. MAPC is organizing a solicitation to hire a consultant (the broker) to organize the process. Communities already signed up are Somerville, Wenham, Brookline and Sudbury. There is no cost to the town for engaging the broker – with or without MAPC. No timeline on when the RFP would be issued.

Mark has drafted a letter to the Selectmen to recommend that we join the solicitation. Upcoming selectmen meetings are July 6th and 20th, August 4th and 17th. We don't expect we need to present the full explanation of the program at this time, but should plan on doing that for the request of the warrant article.

If we want to have the warrant in the March town meeting, we should draft the article and present to Selectmen in September. Warrant closes in mid-February.

Vehicle Idling Policy

Mark and Margot met with Police Chief Borgiorno and he was receptive to options. Three options

- a backup battery
- a 'brain' that uses the existing battery more wisely
- a timer

Mark met with DPW Director Roy Sorensen, who is responsible for purchasing and maintaining all vehicles, including police. He was also receptive. His crew chief for maintenance retires this week and Roy will take it up in the fall with the new replacement.

We discussed whether we can ask for a pilot vehicle with this new technology vs waiting for the fall. Mark send an email to Roy asking if we can get this technology in the new car that is being



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ordered right now. We might also suggest to add a question to the interview process about these technology options for the new crew chief.

ETF Web site

Aubrey sent a list of changes to the town administrator and the changes have been made. Aubrey will send a note to fix the Chair designation.

Energy Policy Update

Sections were assigned to team members to be updated.

Guidelines for Construction and Renovation – Taissir and Carrie
Occupant Behavior – Margot and Carrie
Energy Reduction Guidelines – Mark and Suzy
Vehicle Replacement Guidelines – Brendan
Document Structure - Margot

Mark will take a look at the intro.

Lighting and park and playing fields sections will move to the energy reduction section.

Taissir has worked on EBOM – existing building and operations maintenance. He looked at a tracking system that would help to certify buildings as LEED.

Brendan will start on vehicle transportation.

Energy Teams is part of Occupant Behavior.

Public Education and Outreach is part of Occupant Behavior.

Carrie mentioned that school buildings were to follow the CHIPs standard.

Everyone will send their sections out one week prior to the next meeting – by July 21st.

New Business

Mark will ask the Library to attend a future meeting.

Gas Leak information was presented. There is a bill in the state house that would put regulations around fixing known gas leaks. Some towns have passed resolutions in support of the bill. Suzy made a motion that the Chair will write a letter to the selectmen asking them to approve a resolution in support of the bill. Aubrey seconded. Approved 5-0-0. Suzy will send Mark the text of the Cambridge resolution.

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Winchester organized Energy Grants for Seniors with a \$20k grant. Auditors who were trained and suited specifically for seniors did audits, plus up to \$800 per household for energy efficiency.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be July 28th.

We need to discuss chair and clerk for next year.

Carrie moved to close the meeting, Brendan seconded. Approved 5-0-0.