

## **Swampscott Energy Committee - Minutes**

Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Swampscott Town Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

Attendees: Nick Scibelli, David Zalanowski, Tara Gallagher, John Graff, Ryan Hale

### **Agenda**

1. Approved minutes from June REC meeting
2. Solarize Plus Program
  - a. Review program milestones
  - b. Detailed timeline of activities for community outreach
    - i. Plan a "Meet the Installers" event in Swampscott in January. Support with FB ads
    - ii. Ryan to order new banner for High School fence - Tara to provide dimensions
    - iii. Print a quarter page handout - use this as an insert in tax/water bills and as time-bound call to action to accompany the tri-fold. Ryan to connect with Marzie about timing for the town mailer.
    - iv. Nick - connect Ryan with basketball game coordinator
    - v. FB: Swampscott Nest, Swampscott 01907, Anything Swampscott, FLOS, Swampscott Parents, Swampscott FreeForAll, Swampscott Gardinera, Children's Bazaar. Ryan to ask Esmeralda from Salem to reach out to page admins and share content
    - vi. Tara - UU Church (connect for announcements), Congregational Church (find out about installed PV system)
    - vii. Ryan - ask Wayne Spritz about synagogue announcement
    - viii. David - ask Hadley admin about PTO meeting schedule
3. Coordination with other Town Committees
  - a. Capital Planning - Ryan to contact Ron about meeting schedule for Spring. Prioritize getting information on Middle School renovations and potential PV on new roof.
  - b. School Building Committee (Energy Subcommittee) - Nick to connect with Suzanne Wright about presenting a summary of Passive House vs Net Zero for the January SBC meeting
  - c. Town Meeting - Monday 11/18 - Ryan made an announcement about Solarize Plus and reiterated the mission of REC to "make energy a primary factor in Town investment decisions." Spring meeting idea: zoning change regarding renewable construction? (Max)
4. Green Communities milestones
  - a. Ryan requested grant application deadline from Neal. Need to clarify scope / applicability for the program - could we request funds for police e-bikes, additional EV charging, etc.?
5. Recruiting REC members
  - a. David - continue to attend - Ryan to connect David with Sue Duplin to make it official
6. Draft meeting schedule 2020
  - a. Target 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm. Ryan to check holiday weeks and send calendar
7. Other business
  - a. Tara to write end-of-year blurb for Reporter (Ryan to send statistics about Solarize)
  - b. Clean Choice Energy mailer - misleading homeowners to believe that energy supply is "dirty mix." By default our Town energy supply is 100% renewable through Peregrine. Ryan to email Ron/Sean/Polly about how to intervene and correct the perception in the community. Related, ask about when the Town PPA is up for renewal and clean option.