

**Swampscott Energy Committee
Minutes**

Wednesday July 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM

See Zoom details below

Attendees: Nick Scibelli, Ryan Hale, Talia, Tara G, John G, Dave Z, Danuta S, William Dowd

Agenda

1. Approved minutes from previous REC meeting by voice vote
2. Solarize Plus Program
 - a. Review final metrics: ASHP 5, PV 8, SHW 3
 - b. Compile feedback for MassCEC: long program, low PR/media support, met our goal on awareness and looking forward to “halo effect” for future purchase
3. Coordination with other Town Committees
 - a. Capital Planning - prep for Town Meeting is complete.
 - b. School Building Committee - Energy Subcommittee
 - i. Passive House vs PV
 - ii. Ryan to follow up with Suzanne Wright about calendar of events and REC participation
 - c. Town Meeting - start discussing electrification/net zero idea with Select Board, Zoning/Planning, Historical to get feedback and gain support. Coordinate with Salem City and SERC (looking at restricting gas hookups, with a goal of reducing leaks)
 - i. As a committee we need to define our objectives and then identify policies that will support those objectives.
 - ii. ACTIONS: Tara to share recent examples from Salem with group for next meeting. Nick and Dave to present at next meeting (Dave precedent in MA and Nick draft objectives for discussion).
4. Green Communities opportunities & milestones
 - a. Neal Duffy no longer eligible to act as our technical liaison
 - b. META: est. \$12k grant for energy technical assistance, e.g., in estimating renewable energy or storage demand/capacity at school building site. August 20th deadline.
 - i. ACTION: Ryan to ask Suzanne Wright about applying this to SBC; Tara to send grant info link to Ryan
 - ii. Backup: apply the grant to understand Town use (not School use) and prioritize improvement opportunities
5. Recruiting REC members
6. Discuss REC priorities for next 6 months
 - a. Zoning/planning for energy impact (Nick, Dave)
 - b. Engaging with SBC (Ryan, Tara)
 - c. Revisit Community Solar (John) - are we reaching diminishing returns for residential? Have the conditions changed to make this more favorable for Swampscott (e.g., net metering, tax)
7. Other business
 - a. Max Kasper - interested in coordination on planning/zoning revision on electrification
 - b. Ron Mendez - will contact REC for support with procurement of hybrid/EV fleet

c. William - engaging about communication and press exposure

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