

## Swampscott Energy Committee Minutes

Wednesday 11 August 2021 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Nathan Young, John Graff, George Delegas, Joe Roman, Talia Steiman, Ryan Hale

### Agenda

1. Approve minutes from previous REC meeting - approved by voice vote
2. Report on action plans for current REC priorities
  - a. Residential Energy awareness & efficiency: “Green Building Standard,” Home Energy Score / MLS, MassSave Assessments in partnership with Revise, etc.
    - i. Program is underway - 35 completed towards goal of 400. Diana and Ryan connected Revise with Allie Fiske and Marzie Galaska regarding additional marketing activities. Ryan delivered feedback to Revise about the pressure to sign paperwork.
    - ii. George pointed out that the amount of free services (e.g., LED lightbulbs) included with the assessments will be decreasing in 2022 - don’t wait!
    - iii. Community solar / virtual net metering offering from Relay Power. Premise of “reducing dirty electricity” is misleading for Swampscott residents. Ryan shared this feedback with Relay and the response did not inspire confidence. We’re seeking more beneficial and transparent ways for residents to participate in community solar. If Relay isn’t willing to modify their materials for Swampscott as part of this program, they shouldn’t participate in the program.
  - b. EV adoption, charging station access, proposal to Select Board for “EV First” policy, etc.
    - i. We will proceed with Neal Duffy’s offer to have a first reading of the draft policy at the 24 August Select Board meeting (with pre-read for Board members if possible).
    - ii. Joe’s progress regarding EV charging stations and adoption has stalled. Perhaps we can build a relationship with Rich Baldacci (Building inspector) at an upcoming meeting (Joe to coordinate calendars)
    - iii. EV Test Drive event - perhaps after 2022 model year vehicles are available / fewer restrictions on gatherings. Joe to gather info on logistics and which brands could participate.
  - c. GHG Inventory as part of “Climate Action and Resilience” plan
    - i. We discussed the relative priority of this work compared to what’s above. We agreed that “peer pressure” alone from our neighboring communities is not a reason to take action. If we have enough resources (i.e., more members), perhaps we can make progress in parallel, starting with the Energy/GHG elements that are squarely within our committee charter and partnering with other groups for other aspects of a broader plan.
  - d. Next meeting date: 15th of September unless we need to adjust for holidays.