

Meeting Minutes

Weston Sustainable Committee

13 February 2019

Sustainable Committee Members	Present	Sustainable Committee Members	Present
Phoebe Beierle (PB)	Yes	Ed Heller (EH)	Yes
Walter Chaffee (WC)	No	Sandy Kendall (SK)	No
Leslie Glynn (LG)	Yes	Katharina Wilkins (KW) - Chair	Yes
Victor Guzman (VG)	No		

Others Present: Debbie Slotpole (SWAG), Monyette Vickers, Brook School Property Mgr. (EHC)

No.	Description	Action
1.	A meeting of the Weston Sustainable Committee was held, as duly posted, in the Town Hall and called to order at 7:05 PM. There were no public comments and no meeting minutes to review and approve.	-
2.	<p>Energy Reduction and Renewable Energy</p> <p>a) Discussion about the most recent energy audit in 2012 for the municipal buildings in town - mostly the schools. It is the Committee's understanding that the data from the audit has not been kept current by inputting ongoing usage data.</p> <p>b) A current audit is necessary to update the baseline energy usage in town so it can be determined how different changes impact Weston's energy usage. Specifically it is mandated if we want grants as a member of Green Communities, apply for the MVP (Mass Vulnerability Program), and our own Sustainability Action Plan.</p> <p>c) ASHRAE grades 1,2,3 are used to set scope of common energy audits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Level 1</u>: Simple or Walk-through audit entails minimum interviews and brief review of utility bills + operating data. Findings are preliminary and used mostly to discover major problems with proposed corrective measures, areas for deeper analysis and prioritization of projects, etc. • <u>Level 2</u>: Energy Survey and Analysis entails Level 1 work plus more detailed energy calculations, financial analysis, evaluation of energy bills and usage profiles with possible solutions with financial, implementation and maintenance implications. • <u>Level 3</u>: Detailed Analysis or Deep Dive Audit entails Level 2 work but at a much more detailed level. 	-
3.	Sus. Com wants to be sure that their endeavors don't duplicate the work of other committees	-
4.	SWAG updated the Com that they would be asking the BOS for \$3500 to implement a gas leak audit - which would involve driving the streets with a gas sniffer to record locations and amount of gas being leaked, for discussions with the gas company. The gas company is supposed to have done this same task but their findings are often different from a 3 rd party investigation.	-
5.	EH updated the Com. on the Solect proposal to put solar panels on the Field and Middle Schools. The School Com. Is in favor of the project and are waiting on the more detailed analysis by Solect and the original structural engineer of the Field School as to roof condition and structural support of the roofs.	-
6.	<p>MVP (Massachusetts Vulnerability Program)</p> <p>a) <i>"The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant program (MVP) provides support for cities and towns in Massachusetts to begin the process of planning for climate change resiliency and implementing priority projects. The state awards</i></p>	

	<p><i>communities with funding to complete vulnerability assessments and develop action-oriented resiliency plans. Communities who complete the MVP program become certified as an MVP community and are eligible for MVP Action grant funding and other opportunities.”</i></p> <p>b) Other towns have been concerned with flooding, temperature change, drought, increased storm severity, acid rain, etc.</p> <p>c) The state funding for this is up to \$100,000. Weston is most likely to get between \$10K and \$20K.</p> <p>d) The state has preselected a number of consultants who compile the data, hold the interviews and compile the report under the oversight of the Sustainable Committee. One of these consultants, Fuss & O’Neil, has already contacted Leon G., the town manager.</p> <p>e) The MVP grant application is due 3 May 2019.</p> <p>f) An important part of the application is who from the Town will act as the Project Manager. KW will talk with Leon G.</p>	KW
10.	The Committee foresees a lot of work will be required to find and follow grants, organize energy input from building energy management programs. Many other towns have a staff person dedicated to this work.	–
11.	The next meeting of the Sustainable Committee will be held on starting at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall. The Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.	–

Attachments: none

Respectfully submitted: Leslie Glynn