

## **WN Energy Advisory Committee, May 13, 2019**

6pm Lobby of the 1910 Building, 381 Main Street, West Newbury, MA

**Present:** Elisa Grammer, Dougan Sherwood, Liz Callahan, Chip Wallace

Chip circulated a draft story for the website regarding the Solarize West Newbury project in 2015-2016. Members agreed to send comments and try to finalize it this week. We should get some photos of solar systems built under the program. Verify number of participants and total capacity installed.

Liz will look for the MassCEC resource revealing how many West Newbury homes have solar PV systems. Chip will check on status of the latest solarize program in Newburyport. Elisa got permission to use graphics from the program. Including pie chart of what common uses in home are what proportion of energy usage typically.

Note availability of other solar opportunities, eg from Audubon or whatever. Try to finalize this story in the next week.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness. The committee did a final review of a letter to Mass Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs regarding additional grant funding for a community survey as part of the MVP project.

Liz mentioned an idea starting to make the rounds about organizing a group to encourage discussions about environment and sustainability (not limited to energy) in West Newbury. Committee members agreed to support the effort. Dougan commented that there is likely to be significant interest in Merrimack River related issues. Recycling improvements are another potential issue. Grant funding may be available for issues related to agriculture in town, for instance to promote composting of food waste.

Maybe we should do a new round of outreach on energy efficiency, for example promoting the Mass Save program. The last time we did something similar, we kicked it off with the Council on Aging. We also participated in a Garden Club event. Let's think about an action plan for discussion next time. We might not need a grant to do it.