

West Newbury Energy Advisory Committee
Minutes
January 8, 2020.

Present: Elisa Grammer, Liz Callahan, Rick Parker, Chip Wallace

MVP schedule and deliverables. Elisa was concerned we may be falling behind. We discussed some suggestions on how to make sure we get back on schedule.

Recent site visit at 1910 building with service provider B2Q. DPW Director Wayne Amaral was there, and Brian Richards. The purpose was to assess control system improvement opportunities. For instance, the building is now kept at the same temperature 24 hours a day. Liz expects a proposal soon. There is a March 1 deadline for a grant application to fund the project.

EV chargers. We filed applications for 2 2-head stations at 1910 building and one at Page. Cost to town is \$4200 at each location. Not all spaces will be EV only. Probably 1 out of 4 at each location. Rick will propose to selectmen moving forward with the plan. And transmit the information to the Page School principal.

District geothermal. This topic came up while Elisa was speaking to Rep. Lenny Mirra. There is legislation being considered in Massachusetts that could make gas utilities responsible to develop community geothermal systems. Some people feel that existing public utilities should not be given that task, others feel it is a logical way to use existing institutions to transition from putting natural gas pipe in the ground to installing geothermal water pipes.

Elisa discussed charts she had posted today, showing average local temperature and other statistics between 2000-2015. The charts demonstrate temperature increases locally, and more variability in precipitation. They should be suitable for discussion at the MVP workshop on February 29.