

West Newbury Energy and Sustainability Committee Meeting on October 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM, held on GoToMeeting

Attendees: Chip Wallace, Elisa Grammer, Rick Parker, Liz Callahan, Guest Dirk Peterson

- Solar project behind Page School. Town attorney skeptical about Select and Power Options. This project will not be pursued.
- REPA regional energy grant. - Rick quickly applied to DOER for the \$15,000 grant. Cadmus likely to be the consultant we hire to conduct a feasibility study for solar projects at 5 sites in town. Page field, Municipal campus parking area, North and South fields at Dunn Property, DPW area.
- MVPC was awarded a grant for doing a carbon inventory. MVPC will also be assisting the Town in helping us file our Green Communities annual report, due Nov 19, 2021 (work funded by a separate/smaller grant).
- Town applied for Green Communities grant for 1910 building HVAC controls upgrade which we expect to receive. The application also included request for \$5000 grant toward another hybrid police vehicle. There was some discussion about the Police Department's experience with its initial hybrid vehicle. Rick believes their experience has been largely positive.
- Elisa reports an emphasis on EV school buses (as good projects for future funding and relevance of environmental justice considerations).
- Dirk requested a copy of the RFQ for 1910 building controls. Rick will email a copy of the RFQ to Dirk. Rick also mentioned that we can choose from pre-approved vendors for this grant.
- Elisa will post meeting minutes. Rick will share latest solar electric generation data from the Main Street system and Elisa will update the website content on this topic.