

Energy and Sustainability Committee

April 19, 2023

Present: Elisa Grammer, Chip Wallace, Camden Holland, Rick Parker.

Committee report to Town Meeting on April 24. Chip had sent out an initial draft to committee members. Camden largely agreed with those comments but wanted to contribute some additional thoughts. Some suggestions from the group included:

- The town should continue to pursue grants from various sources to fund projects.
- Importance of forests as a carbon sink. Avoid or minimize tree removal to create solar projects.
- Work closely with the electric utility National Grid and promote state programs like Mass Save.
- Mention the financial benefits of past town projects, including the Main Street solar field.

Camden agreed to be the speaker at Town Meeting. He will circulate another draft of the report for committee members to comment on before the meeting.

HVAC controls project in 1910 Building and Housing Authority. A contract with B2Q has been signed and they are beginning the work. Target date to complete the project is June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Page School – A multi head split heat pump failed 2-3 years ago. The building lacks air conditioning in the office/entry/teacher lounge area. There is an article on the town meeting warrant to replace the failed system.

Next meeting: May 17 at 5:30 pm.