

West Newbury Energy Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 17 2023, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Second floor meeting room, 1910 Building, 381 Main Street.

Present: Elisa Grammer, Stephen Doran, Rick Parker, Chip Wallace

Solar Feasibility Study

- West Newbury met with B2Q teams and toured the sites on the list.
 - Arthur and Rick attended.
- Dunn Field prospect might be a bit too far from infrastructure for 3 phase interconnections.
- Discussion on town voting requirements for solar integration.
 - Does a PPA agreement need a town vote?
- Town of West Newbury Planner will investigate conservation easement behind Page School.
- **Next step:** B2Q to issue draft analysis.

LED Street Light Replacement

- Merrimac Municipality Light Department offered to assist with LED replacements of the town's streetlights.
 - Note: West Newbury has approximately 134 streetlights.
 - Note: The current street light system costs the town approximately \$1100/month.
- Committee/Town is looking for a turn-key solution.
- Previously investigated in 2017 but did not come to fruition.
- Further research will need to be done regarding the procurement and technical process of LED replacements.
- Would be beneficial to ask other towns (Amesbury and Haverhill) about the process.
- **Next Steps:** Committee would like to move forward investigating LED replacements for the town's streetlights.
 - Chip volunteered to investigate further.

Municipal Aggregation

- West Newbury met with Colonial Power yesterday May 17 2023.
 - Elisa and Arthur attended.
 - Process was outlined and contract template was issued.
 - Colonial power noted that they have set up 80 aggregation programs including local towns.
- **Next Steps:** Recommendations to be issued to Town Manager,
 - Chip volunteered to draft and issue recommendation.
- Constellation approached Town of West Newbury offering stabilized price.

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- Committee would like to start mapping out the push for greenhouse gas inventory and net-zero.
 - Reference: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-clean-energy-and-climate-plan-for-2050>
- June meeting scheduled for June 21, 2023.