

West Newbury Energy and Sustainability Committee

November 29, 2023, 17:30

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

- **Solar site feasibility study**
 - Rick and Chip had a talk with Solect and a meeting is set for December 7th at 10 AM regarding the DPW roof top and ground mounted projects. Objective is to expand the project size or risk of being unfeasible.
 - Housing Authority is working with a different vendor.
- **Discussion with Select Board**
 - Feedback on Mission Statement:
 - Board is asking committee to get involved with rain barrels and composting
 - Other than the two additional areas, the board provided positive feedback
 - Non-Agenda Item: Proposed waiving town fees for residential energy efficiency upgrades
- **Annual committee report**
 - Due in January
 - No further feedback from the committee – consensus is to send the report
 - Final report for Green Communities grant
 - Requiring committee to perform more community outreach
 - Elisa will create additional content (Rick to extract from the final report)
- **AOB**
 - Correspondence from Angus is suggesting that committee leads the aggregation efforts
 - Link the municipal aggregation/community choice plan to the Town Project page
 - Ellisa to work with Christine to make the link
 - Communication is needed when town staff is changing web-site content
 - There is great uncertainty concerning MA DPU treatment of municipal aggregation → very unclear of when and how this will be implemented. Committee will refrain from issuing communication to the public until there is a path forward from DPU
 - Street Lights
 - Town Manager: Not planned for the current fiscal year
 - Rick: Will try to fit in in the future
 - DOER - Decarbonization Model
 - Pilot program being developed with West Newbury Town Offices being a candidate
 - Action: Committee to investigate and decide if this is with pursuing
 - Green house gas model
 - Rick: Ongoing works

Next meeting: January 3rd, 2024