

Meeting Minutes (*approved 3/12/24, 5-0-0*)
Wayland Energy and Climate Committee
February 14, 2024, 7:30 pm via Zoom

Attendance: Committee Members: Ellen Tohn, Anne Harris, Bill Huss, Tom Sciacca
Associate member John Harper
Town Manager Michael McCall
Sustainability Manager Abby Shute
Peregrine Energy Group: Paul Gromer, Marlana Patton, Kim Pare
Absent: Harvey Michaels, Paul Dale

*In compliance with the revised Open Meeting Law requirements, this meeting was live streamed via Zoom.

7:33 PM, Ellen Tohn calls meeting to order, notes quorum, announces attendees, reads standard remote meeting announcement.

At 7:35 pm Anne Harris moved to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Ellen Tohn.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (10) to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information provided in the course of activities conducted by a governmental body as an energy supplier under a license granted by the department of public utilities pursuant to section 1F of chapter 164, in the course of activities conducted as a municipal aggregator under section 134 of said chapter 164 or in the course of activities conducted by a cooperative consisting of governmental entities organized pursuant to section 136 of said chapter 164, when such governmental body, municipal aggregator or cooperative determines that such disclosure will adversely affect its ability to conduct business in relation to other entities making, selling or distributing electric power and energy related to a review of indicative pricing submitted by electricity suppliers in response to the RFP issued by The Town of Wayland for community electricity aggregation rates for the Wayland Electricity Choice program and possible vote on recommendation to the Town Manager as to actions to take during the review of final bids from suppliers.

Roll call vote: Aye: Bill Huss, Tom Sciacca, Anne Harris, Ellen Tohn. Adopted 4-0-0.

Anne Harris invited attendance by those listed above and announced the Committee would adjourn from Executive Session and return to open session in about an hour.

Open Session Reconvened 9:18pm

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Associate member John Harper
Sustainability Manager Abby Shute
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Not anticipated agenda item – Time-sensitive issues related to the rollout of Wayland Electricity Choice Program. Marlana Patton of Peregrine describes program timeline:

- "Coming soon" Post card goes out 1 week before letter describing opt out process for residents
- The "coming soon" postcard alerts residents that the Town letter announcing the program is coming on Mar. 20.
- Deadline for the post card: must be mailed by March 13, 2024.

Committee provided input on the post card and approved the final design.

9:30 pm Peregrine Energy Group and Bill Huss left the meeting

Abby Shute, Sustainability Manager, Provided Update on Projects

- Review of recent grant awards
 - \$28,965 – awarded from EVIP (Mass. Electric Vehicle Incentive Program to support 5 dual-port Level II chargers at the new Council on Aging (COA) building
 - \$92, 814 from DOER (Department of Energy Resources) Green Communities – will be used to retrocommission DPW and weatherization at Town Building and Claypit Hill
- Council on Aging – Solar – Town Manager signed Letter of Intent today with Solect solar installer
- Loker Elementary Rooftop Solar – expected to sign extension of Letter of Intent with Solect. Hoping to complete the Loker project this summer.
- Ameresco Town Building ESCO (Energy services Company) work in on schedule, equipment on the way, working on rebates with utilities. They are working on a construction schedule to minimize disruptions.

Town Meeting articles – Ellen has been in touch with Finance Committee co-chair to identify the person they will assign to the three warrant articles brought forth by the Energy and Climate Committee. Ellen and John Harper will follow up with them.

plugIN campaign update

- We are moving ahead with Acton, Natick, and Framingham. Posting outreach on social media and through town newsletters.
- Library event scheduled for the 29th.
- Temple Shir Tikva will co-sponsor plugIN events and promote them with their congregants

Discussed next meeting date. Harvey Michaels requests we do it on Tuesday 3/12. Anne will follow up with Committee and reserve date.

Ellen Tohn moved we adjourn, Anne Harris seconds. 3-0-0 vote in favor: Ellen Tohn, Anne Harris and Tom Sciacca. 9:43 pm.