

1. Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee Regular Meeting Agenda

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MEETING AGENDA

Town of Concord Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2016
Time: 7:30PM
Location: Harvey Wheeler Community Center
1276 Main Street

1. Welcome visitors [7:30, 5 min]
2. 9-Feb-2016 CSEC meeting minutes review [7:35, 5 min]
3. Next meetings
4. Update on Town energy staffing (Jan) [7:40, 5 min]
5. Green Communities (Pamela/Jan/Jana/Jill/Alan) [7:45, 30 min]
 - a. Update (Jan)
 - b. WWTP light upgrade update (Jan)
 - c. Lighting upgrade at main library (Jan)
 - d. Beede Center update (Pamela/Jana)
 - e. Peregrine Energy GC Grant offerings (Jill)
<https://www.peregrinegroup.com/markets/cities-towns/green-communities/>
 - f. SPARC program (DOE funded) possibilities (Jill/Alan)
<http://energy.gov/eere/sunshot/solar-powering-america-recognizing-communities-sparc>
6. Green Your Heat [8:15, 10 min]
 - a. Update (Pamela)
 - b. Disposition of remaining funds (All)
7. Heat-pump Challenge update (Gordon/Brad) [8:25, 10 min]
8. Tufts project update (Gordon/Brad) [8:35, 10 min]
9. Position on Town Warrant articles (All) [8:45, 20 min]
10. Energy Fair possibilities (All) [9:05, 20 min]

Goals, organization, collaboration, support, where, when?
11. Vehicle policy update (All) [9:25, 15 min]

Best way to approach? CSEC role?
12. Public comment [9:40, 10 min]
13. Adjourn [target 10:00pm]

2016 Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee (CSEC):

Alan Whitney (Chair)	Resident
Annie Moore	Resident
Bradley Hubbard-Nelson	Resident
Gilda Gussin	Resident
Gordon Brockway	Resident
Jill Appel	Resident
Mark Myles	Resident
Sue Felshin	Resident
William Lehr	Resident
Alice Kaufman	BOS Liaison

CMLP Update:

- Strategic Plan: Jan Aceti presented draft list of topic that CMLP's Strategic Planning Group (SPG) had identified as topics for plan. It was very broad and included everything one would expect on any strategic plan from demand management to power provisioning to partnerships to business models to public outreach. Focus is on how CMLP can "contribute to low-energy future while continuing to provide high-level of services." In response to queries from Board as to timing/priorities, David Wood indicated that all of this is in discussion but nothing to report yet. I requested and hopefully will receive list of topics and/or some version of Jan's talking points which I will distribute to CSEC when available.

- Town Warrants:

- David Wood indicated that consent docket included following articles: Calendar: Article 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 17,19, 22, 24, 26, 27, 31, 33, 35, 37-40, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 59.

- Board discussed and voted no action on Article 45 (Brian Foulds) and 46 (Mothers Out Front). While Board endorsed pro-sustainability sense of articles, the uncertainty as to what will be presented at Town Meeting and thought that action by Select Board in forming Energy Task Force (ETF) and CMLP with respect to internal SPG and Town's Long-range Planning effort were addressing those issues. Decision to vote no action should be interpreted as process-related decision, and not as opposition to the ideas presented. Board was unanimous in arguing that creating yet another committee at this stage to address Brian Fould's concerns seemed excessive and would strain resources of Light Board and others who would need to interact with different committees.

- Substantive discussion about importance of active public engagement in the planning process. Board affirmed CMLP's responsibility for managing it's internal process for SPG, but noted that public outreach needed to be interactive and more than just reporting to public when decisions are reached. David Wood suggested that ETF may be correct vehicle for directing public opinion/engagement into the CMLP SPG process, and seemed opposed to regular inclusion of non-CMLP participants in internal CMLP SPG working group meetings.

- Brian Foulds spoke in defense of article. Bill Lehr noted that CSEC had voted to support. Brian noted concern that ETF or MOF were too broad relative to his focused article and so was not comfortable that his issue would attract adequate attention/prioritization.

- Green Energy Plan: to address issue raised by Matt Johnson regarding CMLP's selling of recs for renewable power purchased, David Wood indicated CMLP looking at offering a plan, potentially modeled on Wellesley's, that would allow customers to voluntarily buy recs and participate in green energy. Wellesley charges \$0.04/Kwh surcharge for recs and Matt Johnson commented that that was reasonable number for Concord. Wellesley has 11% of its peak load participating, which is 3rd in the Nation. David Wood commented that should be relatively easy to implement such a program and he believed we should be able to match Wellesley performance in Concord.

- Light Board liaison to other Town Committees

 - Dan Gainsboro will represent Light Board on ETF

 - Peggy Briggs will represent Light Board on Concord Long Range Planning Committee