



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 10, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Myra Sessions, Chair
Robin Greenberg, Secretary
Sean Cash
Dan Noren
Melissa Eusden
Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council rep
Tom Boettcher, WMGLD rep
Ann Waitt, DPW alternate rep
Uma Gerweck, Youth Council rep
Nick Pilleri, Student Liaison

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:
Rob Darnell, Vice Chair
Mary Hajjar
Suzy Veilleux, School Committee rep
Joe Conway, DPW rep
Abby Lane, Student Liaison
Sophie Brown, Student Liaison
Addie Festel, Student Liaison

----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m by M. Session.
The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available.

Public Participation

Jennifer Kallay, WMGLD Commissioner, interested in the discussion on the PV ready proposal.

Tiana Veldwisch has applied to joined ESC for 2022 applicants and interested in hearing the committee.

Jessica Butler is interested in learning more about the ESC.

Shyan Ong, volunteer with Food Rescue, is interested in learning about current ESC topics.

Approval of Minutes

R. Greenberg motion. J Smith-Galvin second. Motion passed.

Update on School Building Projects

Northeast Metro Voc School's municipal vote passed so the project now goes to full design. There are residents looking to advocating for the school to not use fossil fuel for heating. ESC is sending a letter to their school building committee to support the WMGLD's letter and exceeding sustainability minimum standards. M. Session will send. D. Noren will distribute and request that the town post to the ESC website and distribute to the media.



WMGLD is advocated for electric based heating system for both schools. As this will position the building to be net-zero-emissions ready (NZE). The department is working to making their portfolio be net zero emission. When that happens all buildings that are electric will be NZE.

Wakefield Memorial High School is current talking about being net zero ready. ESC and WMGLD Commissioners representatives have attended sustainability and MEP system meetings. D. Noren noted the value of getting a building the ready for some ECMs (Energy Conservation Measures) if the budget does not allow for them to be included at this time. Designers are looking to use the proposed new energy codes and proposed stretch codes. There will be future community meetings and encourage talking about your interests on sustainability performance.

Town Meeting Warrant

T. Boettcher and WMGLD Commissioner have been working on drafting to two warrant articles at Spring 2022 Town Meeting on creating an electric vehicle readiness policy and solar ready policy. To date, the WMGLD has asked developers to provide electric vehicle accommodations and be solar (PV) ready but they have found that developers' volunteering to do it has been limited.

T. Boettcher shared City of Boston's Electric Vehicle Readiness Policy for New Developments. Using Boston as model. Applies to new parking lots and developments. They may be required to provide EV Capable (i.e. 20 amp plug near parking), EV charger(s) Level 2, EV carshare vehicle, and electric bike parking. New development may exclude single family but housing and commercial developments. Future might include expansion to significant renovation. To read Boston's policy, go to <https://tinyurl.com/ucfsa8pb>

J. Smith-Galvin has talked about the policy with the town building inspector. Date of implementation to be determined.

T. Boettcher shared Watertown's 2018 Solar zoning policy because they are considering Watertown's as a model for Wakefield. For new construction of a certain size, the development would need to be solar ready or solar installation with some exemptions.

To read their policy, go to <https://tinyurl.com/msd6smad>

Would proposed warrants be aligned or in conflict with the town's MVP? Not likely.

Further discussion with town building, ZBA, legal.

T. Boettcher Motion for ESC to work on two TM articles on EV ready and solar ready policy. D. Noren second. Motion passed.

TBC: April 30th TM

Warrant language due March 31st

Green Community Application

Jennifer Kallay is working on confirming with DOER on format of building audits material. DOER accepts applications on a rolling basis. Audit has been done with

	<p>assistance by GDS, their consultant. Goal is to do GC presentations to the town this spring. Future ESC meeting will include presentation on what the audits show and priorities on improvements.</p>
Plastic and Styrofoam By-Laws	<p>The town will be publishing who received waivers. The schedule for posting of the list is pending. The reason for a waiver varies by the business and organization. Waiver requests are done through the town website: https://www.wakefield.ma.us/town-administrator/webforms/waiver-for-sytrofoamplastic-bylaws</p>
Committee Branding	<p>D. Noren received the town's style guide and working on the logo to meet the guide.</p>
Waste Reduction Subcommittee	<p>M. Eusden had no update yet of recycling at the middle school and composting at the elementary school.</p>
Land use Subcommittee	<p>S. Cash had no update on land use.</p> <p>He shared that a citizen's petition to be discussed at Planning Board meeting on February 22, 2022, to repealed the open stream setback bylaw (Zoning Bylaw Section 190-31 (H)).</p>
Student Members	<p>U. Gerweck noted that Youth Council is open to assist with outreach with the youth.</p>
School Committee	<p>No news</p>
Public Events	<p>No news</p>
Town Council update	<p>J. Smith-Galvin noted still have earmark on municipal solar installation. Likely to be installed on a water building. TC proposed budget includes \$1,000, for ESC for FY2022-2023. Ideas include use of funding on signage and zero waste event expenses.</p>
WMGLD	<p>T. Boettcher shared that WMGLD received a grant award related to fast chargers for EVs.</p> <p>He reminded the committee the WMGLD has rebates available after they get an energy audit. Natural gas prices are up 30%</p>
DPW	<p>They are down to five bins. They are exploring with more discounted bins. Spring rain barrels sale is coming.</p> <p>She offered to request a MWRA water filling station to come to a "Big Purge" event or Festival by the Lake, June 11, 2022. She will find out the availability of the station.</p>
Master Planning Board	<p>Next meeting in March. Public meetings will be scheduled.</p>

**ESC New
Members**

Applications are due tomorrow.

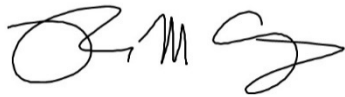
Next Meetings

The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, at 7pm.

**Committee
Meeting
Adjournment**

R. Greenberg motioned to adjourn. D. Noren second. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Greenberg, Secretary

Attachments: -