

Climate Action Plan Subcommittee

January 24, 2024

Meeting called to order 7:32 pm

Attendance: Melissa Eusden, Julie Smith-Galvin, Sharon Daly, Steffin Spears

Public attendance: Judy Green

Discussed feedback from presentation at Massachusetts Municipal Association's recent meeting and presentation on greening municipal buildings. Julie Smith-Galvin reported that the lead for Green Communities presented a new program called Climate Leaders. Climate Leaders would provide Green Communities in good standing with additional requirements to enter the program and receive grant funding toward a Decarbonization Road Map. Julie mentioned that it might be advantageous to pursue Climate Leaders, especially since Wakefield is one of the early adopters of the Opt In Specialized Code, a requirement of the program. Committee decided to spend some time better understanding the grants, timing, and requirements of the program and how it could overlap with a more complete climate plan that includes residential and businesses. Subcommittee also discussed the need for town staff to support grant applications and climate efforts.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:41 pm