

Sandwich Energy Committee



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Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 14, 2015  
6:30 pm  
Human Services Building – Upper Level

Present: Sarah, Ann, Desiree, Damien  
Guests: Tom, Christa

1. Welcome
2. Minutes – September Meeting Minutes approved
3. Guests – Tom and Christa are interested in possibly joining the committee
  - a. Tom is a mechanical engineer and currently does work for solar installations. He has worked on many of the CVEC solar installations across the Cape. His firm has also contracted to do some audit work for Umass Boston.
  - b. Christa currently works at Cape Cod Healthcare and has a background in facility management (mainly Class A properties) in California. She recently helped secure a grant for Cape Cod Biofuels.
  - c. Both guests were encouraged to submit a Letter of Support to Sarah to express their interest formally.
4. Grant update
  - a. Through the DEP, the Town has been awarded funds for small initiatives, the recycling dividends program, carpet and mattress recycling and for increasing recycling in the schools. The elementary schools currently recycle paper and a private hauler picks up the materials free of charge. However, the high school building does not have any recycling in place. This grant will provide funds for collection bins, rolled carts, as well as the electrical work needed to hook up an existing trash compactor. The grant agreement is due in January and there are various criteria that the Town needs to comply. A meeting with Paul Tilton and Gary Gray covered the checklists that need to be completed for each program. School facilities staff will need to meet to go over logistics of increasing recycling. Funds were allocated for staff training.
  - b. Once grant agreements have been secured a press release should be prepared to announce the funds.
  - c. Sarah will also reach out to Gill Newton to connect with him regarding the recycling program.

- d. It would be interesting to establish a baseline for current trash being hauled from the high school and compare it with the newly reduced numbers once recycling is in place.
5. Updates
- a. Goals that have been discussed include: Investigating an ESCO process, completing Green Communities criteria, establishing a scholarship fund for students with a passion for the environment, another Earth Day event, etc.

Motion to adjourn 7:45pm.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Cote