

COMPREHENSIVE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2017

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a special meeting of the Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee was held on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00pm at the Concord Carlisle High School. CSEC members present were Jill Appel, Gilda Gussin, Bruce Blumberg, Janet Miller, Alan Whitney, Brad Hubbard-Nelson (chair), and Annie Moore (filling in as Clerk for Bill Lehr); absent was Bill Lehr. Also present were Pamela Cady (Concord Energy Specialist), and Concord residents Eric Reinhard, Sue Richardson, Peter Nichol, Barbara Nicolson, Dan Moir, Claire Moir, Jack Scotnicki, Pam Howell, and Doug Sharpe.

1) Update from Jill Appel on meeting with Town Manager

Jill Appel reported that the Town Manager is on board with all planning for the Cooler Concord Fair. Participants at the fair will be signing up for possible rebates and subsidies incentivizing investments in sustainable home upgrades. CSEC's requests for incentives adds up to \$120,000 for the Town to put aside for the FY18 (starting July 17, 2017) budget. There is already \$90,000 in the budget. CMLP already has a Cares Fund Budget with rebates still in place for LED, solar, and a budget for heat pump heating, with potential for rebates for Energy Star Appliances.

At the fair, all booths with relevant rebates should have sign up sheets to support the incentive associated with the topic. This information will also be captured in the online spreadsheet. Pamela Cady has a template for the sign up sheet. People can sign up and if enough people sign up, CSEC will push for a rebate program around the associated incentive after the fair takes place.

Pamela Cady reported that CMLP has updated its rebate and incentive programs, now offering \$3 off for up to 50 LED bulbs per year (up from 30), and home energy audits include free LED light installation and a free smart power strip.

2) Fair Planning

The committee discussed logistics of the fair, including publicity, pre-registration, signage, the plan for setup and breakdown, volunteers, space layout and equipment requirements, and food. The total committed sponsor and vendor contributions add up to \$5,150, which achieved the goal set out for school follow-up programming. The group discussed how participants would be tracking their points, from check-in through check-out.

In addition, individuals presented some of their visuals for the fair and those who had not gone through the information for their booths presented some of their topics to the group.

3) Closing & Adjournment

The committee decided to meet again on Tuesday, January 31st for one hour for final planning.

Alan Whitney moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Moore (standing in for Bill Lehr) as CSEC clerk

List of Attachments

N/A