

**Sudbury, MA, Energy and Sustainability Green Ribbon Committee
Meeting Minutes July 16, 2013**

OPENING:

The July 16th, 2013 meeting of Sudbury's *Energy and Sustainability Green Ribbon Committee* was opened by Bill Braun at 7:31 pm at the DPW Building.

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members	Attending
Rami Alwan	X
William Braun – Chairman, Energy and Sustainability Committee	X
Edward Lewis	X
Joe Martino	X
Michael Melnick, Co-Chairman - Sudbury PBC	
Robert Morrison	Partial
Kurt Reiss	X
Mark Sevier	
Facilities Director, Town of Sudbury	
James Kelly	X
Guests	
Joe Kupczewski – SPS Facilities Director	X
Steven Weisman – Peregrine Energy Group	X

AGENDA:

1. Landfill Solar update
2. ESCO status & plans
3. Green Community Annual Report
4. Approval of meeting minutes
5. Other business?

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1 Landfill Solar PPA Update

Construction of the landfill solar array is essentially complete, only the grid interconnect remains to be done. This is being worked on by NSTAR and an August go live is expected.

The committee discussed some type of a ‘ribbon cutting’ event with tours of the facility and a review of the Power Purchase Agreement system’s operation and benefits. Committee members have seen significant interest from Sudbury citizens about the array and it is a great step forward to reduce Sudbury’s energy costs and carbon footprint.

2 ESCO Status & Plans

Note – Robert Morrison is currently working on a project for Ameresco in his energy consulting company role and he excused himself from our meeting before any discussion of the Ameresco performance contract took place.

Steve Weisman of the Peregrine Energy Group attended our meeting to review Ameresco’s proposal for the performance contract. Steve is working for Sudbury (courtesy of a grant obtained from the state) in an owner’s agent role. The Peregrine Energy Group has extensive experience working with Performance Contracting and he led a discussion of lessons learned and experiences with other towns working with ESCO’s. We also reviewed the Ameresco proposal from a high level with a deeper dive on some specific Energy Conservation Measures (ECM’s.)

Joe Kupczewski (SPS Facilities Director) also attended the meeting – he was very helpful in describing and detailing the day to day operations and challenges of the SPS school utility systems.

Next step is an informational meeting with the SPS school committee to familiarize them with the workings, features and benefits of a performance contract.

Steve is assisting us with the presentation to the school committee and we reviewed his draft slides.

3 Green Community Annual Report

One issue remains with the GC Annual Report.

Action: Bill to review and respond, with assistance of other committee members as needed.

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4 Approval of meeting minutes:

Minutes from the May 30th meeting were approved.

5 Other business:

Jim attended a Lincoln Energy Committee meeting at their invitation. They are discussing a possible evaluation of a residential electrical purchase consolidation and group energy audits throughout Lincoln, and possibly surrounding towns. This is outside of the Energy Committee's current mission but we will remain up to speed on their efforts and will notify Sustainable Sudbury about this effort.

Rami relates the LSRHS solar canopy project is currently on hold. The state's solar carve-out program is currently oversubscribed so they are not permitting new projects at this time. However, the state has said it intends to renew the program and will favor approval of projects that are municipal in nature and on sites that have existing infrastructure vs. green fields. The LS project meets both of these and will be resubmitted for approval.

Scheduled Energy Committee Meetings: (DPW Building conference room - 7:30 p.m.)

- July 24th, 2013 - School Committee Meeting (ESCo review)
- August 20th, 2013
- September 17th, 2013

Adjournment: The Energy Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Edward Lewis, July 24, 2013