

**Sudbury, MA, Energy and Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes April 16, 2019**

OPENING:

The April 16, 2019 meeting of Sudbury’s *Energy and Sustainability Committee* was opened at 6:03pm at the DPW Building conference room.

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members	Attending
Rami Alwan - Chairman, Energy and Sustainability Committee	X
William Braun – Emeritus Chairman	
Jim Cummings	
Edward Lewis	X
Joe Martino	
Robert Morrison	X
Mark Sevier	X
Facilities Director, Town of Sudbury	
William Barletta	X
Guests	
Terry Snyder	X
Tom Yelton	X

AGENDA:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes
2. Energy Coach stipend
3. Eversource Library DDC project Closeout
4. Stefano Loretto, Business Development Director, Good Energy, LP, May 15th
5. Municipal Aggregation – numbers of accounts in each category
6. Eversource EV “Make Ready” program
7. MAPC Municipalities Green Communities Grant Assistance
8. Approval of 2018 Annual Report
9. Other business?

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1) Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the March 26, 2019 meeting were approved

Revised Minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting were approved.

2) Energy Coach stipend

The paperwork to enable our Solarize Energy Coach, Bob Morrison, to receive the State supplied stipend has been completed and will be submitted to the Town. Mr. Morrison has stated his intention to apply this stipend to the “Opt-up to 100% Green Energy” effort underway.

3) Eversource Library DDC project Closeout

Goodnow Library EMS / Controls Upgrade – this was a complex project, to save energy and to provide better environmental control at the Library.

This project has been completed and although energy savings and better comfort have been realized, the facilities director is working to resolve some controls issues and concerns.

The one remaining incentive issue was resolved, Eversource has conducted an onsite inspection, approved the project, and the incentive payment has been received by the Town.

There was discussion on the status of the controls for the Library project. The Library system is controlled utilizing Johnson Controls (JCI) Facility Explorer Supervisor. This system utilizes JACE controllers to provide connectivity from HVAC and other mechanical equipment via a Niagara framework.

Bill Barletta reports the JCI system is not functioning as expected. Bill reviewed the issues and concerns with Bob M. (who was deeply involved in the Library controls project) and Bob agrees it does not appear to be operating as was expected at job end.

ACTION: Bill to draft a letter describing the shortcomings of the BMS as it sits today, Bob M. to review vs. the job spec and work with Bill and the controls vendor to rectify.

4) Stefano Loretto, Business Development Director, Good Energy, LP, May 15th meeting

Stefano Loretto, Business Development Director, Good Energy is scheduled to attend our May 15th meeting to review all aspects of our Municipal Aggregation program.

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We have run into a scheduling issue with the 15th, so Bill Barletta will see if Stephano can attend a meeting on the 14th, if so will reschedule him.

5) Municipal Aggregation – numbers of accounts in each category

Good Energy supplied the data on our Municipal Aggregation Program, including participation, opt-up and opt-down rates – Energy Committee to review.

6) Eversource EV “Make Ready” program

Eversource is offering a grant program to partially help install EV charging infrastructure. Significant discussion on the pro’s and con’s of a Municipality owning charging stations, many nuances, and State regulations on charging for the service.

Tabled for a future discussion.

7) MAPC Municipalities Green Communities Grant Assistance

MAPC periodically offer grants for technical assistance for energy conservation projects – Sudbury has utilized these in the past.

ACTION: Energy Committee to develop list of projects that could be applicable and keep an eye out for next grant / project cycle.

8) Approval of 2018 Annual Report

The Energy Committee’s 2018 Annual Report was reviewed and unanimously approved to be submitted to the Town.

ACTION: Ed Lewis to submit the report to Town, along with a scanned copy of the signature page. CC: the Energy Committee

9) Other Business?

Sudbury’s Community Choice Electricity Aggregation was discussed. There is a strong grass roots movement to encourage residents to ‘opt-up’ to 100% green. Opting up reduces Sudbury’s carbon footprint and helps to drive additional renewable energy deployment in our area at a faster rate than the standard default.

Sustainable Sudbury is spearheading this effort and a meeting guest / representative, Terry Snyder, discussed current actions.

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Sudbury High School students are working in collaboration with Sustainable Sudbury to help this effort. To date the 'opt-up' effort has including promotional materials available at the Science Fair and at the Library. Flyers were handed out to everyone who participated in the plastics recycling effort, and there is a video being made to emphasize the benefits.

For reference "Sudbury Premium One Hundred Local Green" with 100% local renewable energy, is priced at \$0.13124/kWh,

The current Eversource winter rate (January thru June 2019) is \$0.13157/kWh. By law Eversource reprices electrical supply every six months, and is expected to announce their summer rates (July – December 2019) in late May.

The Energy Committee thanks Sustainable Sudbury for their help in encouraging residents to opt-up to 100% Green and is particularly pleased with their success at involving the High School students in this effort.

10) Dates for next meetings:

Scheduled Energy Committee Meetings: (DPW Building conference room)

The public is welcome at all meetings.

May 15th at 6:00pm – NOTE – may be rescheduled to the May 14th

June 19th at 6:00PM

July 17th at 6:00PM

Adjournment: The Energy Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Edward Lewis, April 26, 2019