

Boxborough Energy Committee

April 2014 Minutes

Date/Location: Wednesday, April 9, 2014, Town Hall

Attending: Members: Francie Nolde, Santiago Tapia-Perez, Richard Garrison, Keshava Srivastava, Abby Reip

BOS Representative: Raid Suleiman

Guests: None

Members Absent: Larry Grossman, Margo Webber, Kevin Goddard

Next Meeting: May 7, 2014

Minutes:

General Business:

- March minutes were approved. Next meeting will be May 7, 2014 to avoid Town Meeting week.

- Energy Com was omitted from the Town's new website. Abby talked to Selina about getting it moved to the new website and volunteered to edit the site. Francie would like another volunteer to act as "back up" for the website. Members felt that the recording secretary, currently Margo, should have access to the website.

-Warrant Articles

\$800 is for recycling bins at Town fields. Richard applied for a grant. He will talk to DPW about the right size to purchase based on the frequency of collection.

-\$12,500 (Article 22) for Town Hall attic insulation . Discussion of whether or not it was worth it to insulate the attic as the payback is very low and will take a long time. Francie noted that the workers at Town Hall are very cold in the winter, and that even if the payback may be low and long, it is the right thing to do for comfort and *some* energy savings.

- Additional discussion ensued due to the \$12.5K figure. It may not be correct. Francie will speak with Dave Lindberg about the attic insulation estimates. Richard will contact Ani at MAPC about payback figures.
- Town Meeting may question savings for the project which is the justification for the article. It may be difficult to defend. Several angles were discussed: preserving the building; maintain the building from future deterioration; provide a more comfortable environment; currently installed insulation is R-11 which is substandard. R-38 is the current standard.

-Capital Plan

- Francie will contact Gary Kushner to meet with Energy Com. Information goes to BLF for planning. Capital Plan meetings take place from September to November.

-Solarize Boxborough

EnCom will conduct an online survey to gauge interest in the project and attempt to solicit a volunteer to champion the project using Survey Monkey.

- Abby will convert Wayland's Solarize survey questions for Boxborough's use and sign up for the account using her personal credit card on a month-to-month basis. The free version of the service limited the number of questions and responses.
- We will run the survey from ~May 1st through August 31st.
- Links to the survey will be distributed via flyer at Town Meeting and also inserted into tax bills (June 22nd).
- Richard will create a "marketing" piece that will accompany the survey link and preface the actual online survey.
- Timeline:
 - April 16th: Abby will send survey questions to EnCom for feedback/approval.
 - April 23rd: Abby will open Survey Monkey account and key in questions.
 - April 30th: Survey will be ready to test online. Abby will send live link to all EnCom members for testing and feedback.
 - May 7th: Flyers for Town Meeting and tax bill inserts will be printed.