

Dedham Sustainability Advisory Committee

May 14, 2012

Present: Joanna Hamblin (JH), Virginia LeClair (VL), Carol Hills (CH), Jonathan Briggs (JB), Deb Harrison (DH), Carmen Dellolacono (CD)

Guests: Marjorie Kilroy, Michael Cucchiara (MC)

JB opened the meeting for Monday, May 14, 2012. C Hills made a motion to accept the minutes of April 2, 2012. D Harrison second. All in favor.

Presentation by Next Step Living Regarding Residential Energy Efficiency Program

Michael Cucchiara of Next Step Living (NSL) opened the presentation. The Town has signed an MOU. Goal is to serve 430 homes annually, 1-4 family homes. NSL will provide us with marketing materials, flyers, posters. Earned media is asking Committee members to partake in survey. NSL is a home performance contractor. No cost home energy assessment, incentives and rebates. \$2,000 each year max for reimbursement. HEAT Loan is 0% efficiency loan over 7 years, solar thermal, heat. This goes through local banks. JB suggested inviting them to the next meeting. This program funded by consumers, already paying for it so take advantage. Home energy assessment takes about 2 to 2.5 hours. Health and Safety check, switch out bulbs with CFLS, digital thermostats for each zone, they can install 2 and leave others, water saving devices shower heads and faucet aerators all part of the free package.

Talk with DWWD about filling in the gaps with information on DWWD with informational sheet from DWWD talking about rebates for washers and dryers and other low flow products.

Air sealing 100% covered by Mass Save incentives. Can be done under existing insulation. Attic insulation is brought up to R-38, where the walls are densely packed with cellulose. M.C. will send a sample report of what a homeowner would receive from a NSL energy audit. NSL would act as a nonprofit partner that would help raise funds for various Town organizations. They get paid through utilities. The rebate for homeowners is instant. They don't have to wait. They do ask for a deposit upfront.

In order to get started M.C. says that you will need to present your energy bills to create a baseline. C.H. said that she was in the middle of the HEAT Loan program.

M.C. stated that they could do a presentation series on weatherization, general MassSaves programs and solar. Throughout the process they will provide data on each step of how many people have done work, ghg emissions, etc. They do not disclose resident's names. Neighborhood challenge J.H. mentioned as an idea. M.C. also suggested work with PTOs.

Sun Run is their partner for solar, they would complete a roof diagnostic and trinity solar would do the installation. They make money through rebates from SREC market and Commonwealth Solar.

Re-cap of MAPC's Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Presentation

MAPC will come back to staff and then to DSAC in about 2 weeks. After that they will go to the Board of Selectmen in July.

Green Fair

The Committee discussed a list of potential vendors and agreed that they would invite no more than 20.

Community/Member Update

C.D. updated the Committee on the MBTA Facility plan for solar.

Adjourn

C.H. made a motion to adjourn. C.D. second. All in favor.