

Sustainability and Energy Commission (SEC)

Monday, October 15th, 2018

South Hadley Public Library - Trustees Meeting Room

Attendance: Nancy Apple, Michael Beauchemin, Robert Berwick, John Howard, Bruce Forcier (Select Board member)

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.
- B. September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for publication.
- C. The group again agreed that at least one of our group will attend a meeting with the Senior Center Building Committee on November 19th, 2018 to discuss sustainable and energy efficiency. SEC member will push for a zero net energy building plan.
- D. The group discussed our Know Your Town presentation. Two remaining questions arose during the KYT event.
 - a. Further helping the Town seek savings by partnering with UMASS Environmental Audit Program. Group will propose this to Administrator Sullivan.
 - b. Administrator Sullivan mentioned that the town could only see an additional 8% in energy savings, falling short of the 15% Green Communities requirement. The group agreed to ask for a listing of what comprised the 8%.
- E. Mount Holyoke College is currently installing their first solar installation on the field house.
- F. The group discussed the possibility of finding programs that could make it feasible for SHELD to operate Electric Vehicle Charging stations at certain locations in town. Mount Holyoke College students may be able to assist in researching market ready systems.
- G. With Russ Miller no longer on the committee, the group may advertise for an additional member.
- H. New "net metering" policy in town was discussed. The existing 42 residential solar users are grandfathered.
- I. Next meeting scheduled for November 19th, 2018 at 6:30PM in this room.