

Agawam Energy Commission (AEC) Meeting Minutes April 9, 2019 **APPROVED**

Present: Marc Strange, Rosemary Sandlin, Ron Wieners, Mark Morris, Leslie Joseph, Anthony Suffriti, Les Tingley, William Clark, Jill De Coursey (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission PVPC), Dino Mercadante, Mike Mercadante

1. Approve Meeting Minutes: 3/12/2019 Leslie Joseph made motion and Marc Strange seconded motion; minutes approved.

2. Discussion--EV Charging Stations Dino and Mike Mercadante initiated a discussion on establishing charging stations in Agawam. Discussion included the following points:

- Opportunity for Agawam to be proactive establishing more charging stations
- Supports governor's plan for all electric vehicles by 2050
- Eversource may be willing to invest in establishing stations
- Town code enforcement
- Location of stations
- PVCC - grant to help with Eversource application - (1) town-owned and (2) outreach to businesses, etc. PVCC clean energy planning grant for technical assistance to help the town put the application and process together

Dino, Mike and Jill were invited to ACCC Expo to present information to residents. Marc will contact Eversource to get more information.

2. AEC member recruitment Mike Ballway, editor of Agawam Advertiser will discuss effective ways to recruit members. *Item was tabled.*

3. Bylaws Vote

Membership changes - voting members 11 -9; 2 town council; 6 citizen members; 1 Mayor's designee. Rosemary Sandlin made motion and Mark Morris seconded motion; Changes approved.

4. Election of AEC Officers

Chairperson: Mark Morris by acclamation voted in
Vice Chairperson: Marc Strange by acclamation voted in
Secretary: Leslie Joseph will stay in position through June meeting

5. Agawam Cooler Community Challenge & Expo Update

- Food vendors for event - Murphy's Mobile and Auntie Cathie's Kitchen (desserts); donation (from ener-G-save) of \$1000 for food vouchers (\$2 per attendee)
- Security & First Aid - Checking on requirements; Fire department may have a SAFE table
- Commercial Vendors - add All Energy Solar; Girard Heating and Air Conditioning (heat pumps); Jone Stone (heat pumps); Sarat Ford hybrid; BMW electric car
- Agawam Public Schools Renewable Energy Effort will be presented to School Committee 4/9/2019
- Nonprofit vendors - Uli Nagel is managing this (MASS SAVE, Center of Ecotechnology,

ener-G-save, other?)

- Communication - need to use social media soon; need more articles for newspapers; town funding secured for posters and brochure; need to visit nonschool groups (Senior Center, Library, etc.)
- Town - Agawam DPW Composting/Water Conservation Efforts - Agawam High School SAVE Club working with Tracy DeMaio; Green Community display - need help with this display; Town Solar initiatives displays - Junior High Math/Science Olympiad may help with this
- Pledge document is being modified for Agawam - could be both print and online; grant money distribution plan for projects and for pledging needs to be determined.
- Filming the event - Wait until there is a new studio manager to talk about filming the event
- Invite local politicians
- Town Council endorsement - Anthony and Rosemary will write a resolution endorsing this event and they will write it. Marc will help to get it.

6. Any other topics relevant to the committee's scope and purpose

- a. Les Tingley shared information about telephone pole audit and purchase. Not all poles can be purchased from Eversource, which reduces the number of poles. This does not affect payback too much - still a benefit.
- b. Les Tingley shared concern about not all commissions have tablets. He feels that all commission members should have town emails.
- c. New member William Clark was welcomed to the commission.

Leslie made motion to adjourn meeting and Rosemary seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.