

## CAB Annual Meeting October 19, 2015

CAB accomplishments in the last year:

- Last Climate Week: 2015, first week February (7 days)
  - documentary on freight bicycle company
  - depot->bring in Styrofoam, TinSol (portable house)
  - sing-a-long, book event, outdoor events
  - Mother's Out Front + Community Solar Events
  - goals: raise awareness + instill continuous action
- 2016's climate week will be March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>
  
- Community Solar:
  - since February, monthly meetings
  - single site for solar to be owned by residents who can't put solar on their own roofs
  - has been hard to find site in Brookline – ½ acre to 2 acres
  - Village Solar, Aloha, other companies-> look to close a deal/make a recommendation
    - can buy solar piece deals right now
  
- Big campaign- Mother's Out Front, couple hundred sign ups
  - emails, door hangers, signs
  - distributed over 4,000 door hangers
  - 40 signs
  - 7 people switched last week, gaining momentum
  
- Climate Action getting an award from Mass Energy on Wednesday!

Treasurer's Report:

- Started with \$10,500; current balance is \$8,678 with income of \$7,000
- total expenses \$9312, 90%
  - climate week (\$4,984)
  - web developer (\$2,722)
  - printing expense (\$782)
- donations increased over years

National level, 20 events, Pope, rallies

Locally, warrant article with selectmen's articles 13 + 14, community aggregation

- can opt in to a different electricity default (from Eversource)
- Brookline Town Meeting in November

3 events:

- Mother's Out Front Pipeline Leak Campaign
  - methane dangerous to trees + people
- selectmen pass resolution about gas leaks
- rally at the state house to work with representatives to pass house bills

Interfaith climate coalition in Wellesley 500 people, Muslim, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish presenters.

- House action on November 10, 2015

West Roxbury- Spectra pipeline, even though political opposition  
-vigils + civil disobedience every week day 8-9 am, Tuesday nights

Speakers:

- Nancy Heller, Selectmen (one of founders of Green Caucus) + Andrew Gordon (legislative liaison to the state house, led contingent to talk to Cindy Creem, works with 350)

- Nancy Heller

Selectmen's Climate Action Committee:

- Two warrant articles, community aggregation (involves everyone in the town)
  - Article 13, town selectmen broker deal with energy company
  - Article 14, resolution to negotiate to increase renewable energy component of electricity by 25% (right now, 22-25% with hydro, Eversource)
    - can opt out, everyone changes, except those that are already with a different energy provider.
    - average \$7 more per month
    - non-profit like Mass Energy-possible tax deductions
- AG needs to grant approval, 3 months
- Methane leaks 351 (perhaps underreported) -> Brookline one of oldest communities
  - wasting \$90 million per year, can heat 200,000 houses
  - House Bill 2370, gas consumers don't have to pay for gas leaks
  - 2871, utilities fix gas leaks when a street is being repaved
  - Harvard Study-leaks account for 8% of our carbon emissions
  - 7 towns signed up for resolution
- Use kids to help further advocacy- Climate Week, door-to-door
  - people more likely to give to kids
  - Lexington, kids reverse ban on solar panels

- Andrew Gordon:

Activism and the Energy Debate on Beacon Hill (Notes on Presentation):

- April 2014: Cape Wind is just about dead
- Summer 2015: Solar installation hits net metering cap after being raised for 2 years
- Baker administration We want long term energy plan before serious action
- Mass Power Forward Coalition forms
- Senate passes progressive solar legislation within Pacheco adaptation bill; Baker responds

Global Warming Solutions Project goals:

- Maximize energy efficiency and use of renewable resources to create jobs and reduced FF demand
- 45% of electricity generated by Wind and Solar by 2025
- Protect ratepayers from risky expenditures, including new pipelines.
- Facilitate GWSA emission reduction goals (45% of 1990 numbers by 2020, 80% by 2050)
- Call for action, but disagreement of what to do

Some of this in policy terms:

- Double the renewable portfolio standard (RPS)
- (Increases the amount of energy suppliers have to get from renewable sources)

- Offshore wind procurement (deep water tech off Nantucket- really windy)
- NextGen Solar Policy Framework
- No public subsidies or tariffs for new gas pipeline infrastructure.
- Any hydro transmission has to meet environmental best practices standard.

#### Bills before the Joint TUE committee

- S. 1757 (Sen. Downing)- doubles RPS
- H. 2881 (Rep. Haddad)-offshore wind BUT also gas tariff
- H. 3724 (Gov. Baker)- raises net metering caps gives DOER authority to re-raise them.
- S. 1973 (Sen. Pacheco)- eliminated net metering caps and passed Senate in late July
- S. 1747 (Barrett)/S.1786 (Pacheco)-carbon pricing bills-> Big hearing coming up
  - Barrett all \$ rebated to homeowners, Pacheco 20% to transportation and green infrastructure
  - FF companies create external costs, carbon pricing captures external prices, cut homeowner's cost

#### How We Engage:

- Figure out what our win is (campaign win)->i.e. goal to pass resolution
- We figure out what we have to win before we can get our big win. (short term goals)
- We map out what resources we have and who needs to get involved (resources and constituencies)
- We identify which decision makers can give us our short term wins and we start thinking about tactics (targets and tactics)
- POWER of coalition building

#### What you can do:

- For the Mass Power Forward:
- Connect with the coalition, meet with your elected officials, particularly Sen. Creem
- For Carbon Pricing: Show up next Tuesday at the statehouse at 1pm for the Carbon Pricing Hearing and/or submit written testimony as to why you support carbon pricing
- If you haven't, join the Coalition for a Clean energy Future to stay plugged in.

#### Board election results:

Re-elected for additional three-year terms:

- Tom Kilday
- Susan Martin
- Werner Lohe
- David Pantalone

Newly-elected board member:

- Diana Zheng

Officers:

- new co-chair - David Pantalone
- additional two-year term as co-chair - Tom Kilday
- additional two-year term as secretary - Susan Martin