

## **Green Community Committee**

Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2011 – Approved January 17, 2011

Location: Ayer Town Hall, Great Hall

Members Present: Carolyn McCreary (CM), Jeremy Callahan (JC), Faith Salter (FS), Allan Wilson (AW)

Also Present: Patrick Marr (PM)

Not Present: Ted Staples, Robert Pontbriand, David Maher

APAC taped: NO

### **7:00 PM – Open Meeting**

- **Meeting Minutes**
  - CM moved to approve minutes for October 11, 2011 meeting; AW second
    - Motion approved unanimously
  
- **Green Community Grant I Update**
  - CM discussed demonstration of street lamp options LED vs. induction; color and direction of light varies
  - GCC celebration has not yet been scheduled; CM suggested celebration might include tours of DPW and WWTP facilities
  
- **Green Community Grant II Update and Future Projects**
  - Future Funding
    - The first round of grant funds will need to be exhausted before future funding is awarded.
  - Residential Energy Efficiency
    - CM spoke to Worcester GCC regarding their efforts to help residential users with energy costs; the Worcester program is oriented towards encouraging builders to incorporate energy efficiencies into new projects
    - MassSave.com is an existing useful resource for residential energy users; energy audits available
    - Options for motivated individuals to pursue energy efficient improvements were discussed including low/no interest financing and the “Team” approach implemented by the St. Andrews Heat and Barn Raisers program
  - Energy Awareness
    - JC will follow up on making information brochures available
    - Energy Committee and GCC websites are up to date with useful information
  - Town Energy Contract
    - AW explained that the Town could achieve significant cost savings in negotiating a new energy contract; AW will follow up with Energy Committee discussion

- **Solar Projects**
  - Energy Committee has asked GCC to take the lead in pursuing solar energy projects
  - FS mentioned St. Andrews had been contacted by Solar Bug solar installers for a possible rooftop installation
  - Harvard was one of three GC to be awarded a “solarize” grant to assist home owners in purchasing photovoltaic systems for their homes
  - Members discussed options for making Power Purchase Agreements available to local businesses
  - The town is preparing an RFP to purchase a photovoltaic system
  
- **Meeting Schedule**
  - The next meeting will on December 13, 2011, at 7:00 PM.
  
- **Adjourn Meeting**