

April 26, 2007

Energy Committee minutes taken by: Martha Broad\_\_\_\_\_

Energy Committee

Present:

Chinloo Lama \_\_✓

Joel Lindsay \_\_

Kevin Lord \_\_✓

Martha Broad \_\_✓\_

Paula Berg \_\_✓\_

Michael Gorr \_\_✓\_

Laura Kischitz \_\_✓\_

William Darden \_\_

Robyn Roberts \_\_

Non-voting members: John Balco \_\_

Note: Robyn Roberts has decided he/she will not be able to be a part of the commission. Bill Darden will replace he/she as a voting member.

The Energy Committee met at \_7:30\_\_ p.m. at the Town Hall

Minutes of (date): \_\_\_\_\_ were read and approved.

Discussion Topic: (use attached form)

The meeting was adjourned at \_\_9\_\_ p.m.

Discussion: Since the April 4 meeting, Paula had worked with town staff to get copies of the electric and oil bills for all town buildings. All in attendance agreed we should create a central repository for this data. It was suggested that we split up the work and input the energy usage data into a spreadsheet. Chinloo volunteered to create a template. Members of the committee (Chinloo, Kevin, and Paul) split up the buildings and agreed to input the data into this template.

In addition, the Committee discussed three different outreach approaches:

1. Mike volunteered to meet with Curt Plante's cousin to discuss the possibility of this person (trained by Al Gore's Inconvenient Truth organization) giving a presentation to town residents regarding climate change. The group discussed the idea of reserving the high school auditorium, working with a science teacher who teaches a renewable energy unit (Paula knows this person) and promoting to students and their parents in order to get a good turnout. to put this event on before mid June.
2. The Committee Members also discussed MTC's Clean Energy Choice program which offers matching grants to towns when residents and organizations (municipalities, businesses, nonprofits, etc.) pay a premium for clean renewable sources of energy. Members discussed the idea of promoting at the upcoming

- town meeting. Laura and Martha agreed to work on a one page handout and, since neither one would be able to attend the May 7 town meeting, Mike volunteered to make an announcement and bring sign up cards and copies of the one-page handout to the meeting. Paula volunteered to check with the Town Moderator to make sure it was OK for Mike to make the announcement.
3. Kevin will contact the DPW and work with Shelly to advertise the waste oil furnace system the DPW uses to heat the garage.

Agenda was planned for next meeting:

- 1) Vote Chairperson in for Energy Committee
- 2) Finalize mission/Group Charter
- 3) Start to plan out calendar for programs & initiatives.