

Energy Committee minutes taken by:  Laura Kischitz \_\_\_\_\_

Energy Committee Present: Chinloo Lama  ✓   
Joel Lindsay       
Kevin Lord       
Martha Broad       
Paula Berg  ✓   
Michael Gorr  ✓   
Laura Kischitz  ✓   
William Darden    

Non-voting members: John Balco  ✓

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  9:30  p.m.

Discussion:

### **Introductions**

Tina Woolston, Climate Change & Solutions presenter, was present to explain what the presentation entails and answered questions. She described what Framingham State College did over the course of a week. (The university had teachers/professors of every subject teach subjects related to climate change over the course of the week... concluded with playing Inconvenient Truth and a panel with experts.)

Some questions she answered:

Q. Is the presentation sensitive to the audience

A. Yes, the presentation can be tailored.

Q. How can we promote the talk/presentation to our town: mostly working-full time couples with kids in extra curricular activities – why would they want to come?

- A. It is possible to theme the presentations to address specific topic of interest to the town and create a series of lectures and offer multiple presentation time to suite their schedules.

Some suggestions she offered:

- Green Building Council – where we can go to get info about financial reimbursement or incentives for greening efforts.
- MA Climate Action Network – resource for small towns becoming green. Like Concord, Arlington.
- Advertise early in Action Unlimited (can submit free article, no guarantee on print, but free, so submit early and often)

John Balco, our non-voting member is a long time environmentalist. He was full of advice, ideas, and questions for all of us. He was quick to take on responsibilities as our action item list grew.

### **Energy Audit Update**

Library – Paula collected the data and Kevin entered it into the spreadsheet.

Town Hall – Paula collected the data and Chinloo entered it into the spreadsheet.

Police Station and Cell Tower – John Balco will follow up on the bills.

FireStation- Laura will follow up with Dave Farrell

### **What is Our Mission?**

- Reduction of Town Energy Usage
  - Clean Energy Program
  - Recycling CFL bulbs (Cradle to Grave approach)
- Public Education
  - Source of Information (via web-sites, presentations, discussions, public forums)

- Energy Technology Advisors & Advocates to town buildings & new development

### **Action Items**

Chinloo:

- Look into Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) – help small towns become green and step up program.
- Follow up with Tina to set a presentation date possibly in July but not week of 14<sup>th</sup>. This could also be presented to our committee with invitations to the public to join us on one of our meetings.
- Look into setting up our committee page on our Town Site.
- Provide to team the Earthwatch Sustainability page link.
- Review Earthwatch Climate Change DVD content with Tina Woolston to see if it is a potential for airing on channel 10.
- Check with Linda Day to see if we can create a logo for our committee. If we can, take on the responsibility of designing it. Check if we can incorporate the town logo.

Laura:

- Send out Harvard Link to Harvard Local.
- Work with Chinloo to brainstorm about environmental awareness for children. (Laura and Chinloo will meet on this to see if the program can be shared w/ the school system.)
- Ask Dave Farrell for oil and electric bills for Fire Station

- Draft an article for the Bolton Common about our committee

Advertise in the Bolton Common, Action Unlimited, Senior Center News, etc?

Paula: Will ask Linda for a file cabinet in Town Hall.

John Balco:

- Will get electric and oil bills from Police Chief's Assistant
- Check to see if we can have videos aired on our local channel
- Follow up with Senior Center and find out if it is part of our scope

### **Agenda**

- 1) If there is a quorum vote in a Chairperson
- 2) Create subcommittees to address list of issues.
- 3) Town Buildings & Audits
  - a. Get status on town buildings base on baseline of Oil & Electric usage.
  - b. Building Audits – Status from Martha
- 4) New Buildings Committee to influence Energy usage
- 5) Some one to research about the Breen Building Council and see if we can get someone to come to speak with our committee about what discounts and opportunities are available to small towns like ours.
- 6) Technology options: Geothermal
- 7) Educational Programs (presentations in the summer and fall)
- 8) Sharing best practices w/ other towns.
- 9) Review frequency of meetings again.