

April 26, 2007

Energy Committee minutes taken by: Laura Kischitz_____

Energy Committee

Present:

Chinloo Lama __
Joel Lindsay __
Kevin Lord __✓
Martha Broad __✓_
Paula Berg __✓_
William Darden __
Michael Gorr __✓_
Laura Kischitz __✓_

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__ p.m.

1. Discussion:

Martha gave an update on the audit of the Town Buildings. Michael Horton at National Grid gave information about audit option. One audit would focus on electric needs including HVAC, lights, etc. and they will pay for 80% and will help with the remaining 20%.

John Balco is available to go around with the auditors to the 5 town buildings.

John suggested that part of our recommendations to the Selectmen includes: To have town officials consider Energy usage and needs of ALL purchases, electrical equipment, vehicles, etc .

Recommended in September to go to 1 meeting/month. Will decide what week works best for everyone. (Between now and then, there's a lot to accomplish so we'll keep the every 3rd week until July 19th at least.)

Calendar:

- June 28 – Next meeting (John Balco will suggest and publish our agenda prior to the meeting.)
- July 12th – Tentative date for Energy “Committee” sharing of surrounding towns.

- July 19th – Climate Change Presentation to Energy Committee and any locals interested. (Curt Plant’s nephew, Doug given first opportunity since Curt made original suggestion, Tina will be asked if Doug can’t make it.)
- Climate Change Presentation at the High School in Fall – Date TBD once we decide on presenter.

Action Items:

All: Any available members should go to the Public Safety Building meeting on Monday night at Town Hall and lobby for more energy efficient building strategy and approaches. Joel & Martha are going to sent case studies and samples of other success stories for reference.

John Balco

- establish an agenda before the next meeting.
- e-mail the Police data to the whole distribution list
- John and Paula will help advertise w/ posters and ad in the Bolton Common and the Police Station sign. (Bolton Orchards & Library)
- John will contact Rich Merrill re: taping the program.

Paula Berg

- compile all of the data (DPW and Fire Station left to be added.)
- contact Bill Darden to find out where the price breaks are for energy usage

Martha Broad

- will contact Bill Sprat (Head of Facilities at the schools) to see what they’ve done and their average usage. (National Grid and Purchasing) Martha will invite Bill to our next meeting to see what the plans are for the Waste Water Treatment plant? (If not him then find out the contact and invite that person too...)
- Get Sworn In
- Martha & Joel will send examples of “Green” public buildings, zero footprint house in New Jersey would be great.

Joel Lindsay

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Michael Gorr

- check w/ Doug on availability and Chinloo check w/ Tina if Doug can't do it.
- Please drop off the handouts and cards at the library before next Thursday when the article hits the news paper. (Mr. Phil approved this already you just have to work w/ him on where these should go...)

Laura

- send the Bolton Common article to print
- send the information about town meeting warrants and bylaws passed by other towns ie. Arlington
- July 12th – 10 -15 minutes presentations per town w/ discussion afterwards. Laura will check w/ Linda and find out about room availability, invite other towns and be clear about the purpose of the meeting and logistics, etc. (ie. 1 presenter per town, 10-15 minutes max. Laura will ask Linda about coffee/tea and will get snacks. John will be the moderator.

Agenda Reviewed tonight:

- 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.