

Energy Committee minutes taken by: Chinloo Lama _____

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

Non-voting members: John Balco

The Energy Committee met at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Minutes of (date): April 5 and April 26, 2007 were reviewed and approved.

Discussion Topic: (use attached form)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Discussion:

1. Agenda Review

- a. Energy Information on town buildings – All buildings are in, but info is a little inconsistent – need to clean up the data on the DWP and find out where some of the electricity billing is applied (i.e. general electricity bill)
- b. National Grid Energy Auditor to review electricity use in town – next step will be taken by Martha and Herald to follow up with our energy data chart and Q&A.
- c. Bill Sprats from the school district is a licensed energy manager– Martha spoke with him and find him a great resource in town as an energy efficiency consultant. We would like to consider the following:
 - i. Whether he will be willing to speak with us about energy efficiency.
 - ii. Whether he is a possible person to do an energy audit on our town buildings for us (perhaps on his own time?)
 - iii. Joel and Laura can meet with Bill about solutions. Meeting times will be sent to the group if anyone else is interested in participating.
- d. Minutes were signed for our 1st and 2nd meeting (4/5/07 and 4/26/07)
- e. Fall meeting schedule was set – we will meet starting September 2nd Thursday of the month. We will discuss at the next meeting when the best meeting date should be for the month of August since it seems like there will be many conflicts in our schedules for that month.

- f. We had a quick confirmation of the Multi-Town Round Table / Invitational meeting on 7/12 night. Laura updated us that many towns are interested and there is a possibility that we will max out our room capacity in the Town Hall. Joel will check to see if Davis Hall is a possible alternative location. The event will be at 7pm-9pm. Laura will confirm with a head count and let us know the status. Laura is the main contact for the event and John will be moderating the event on the 12th.
- g. Mike reported on his communications with Doug Plante and the climate change presentation. Doug Plante will present to our group on July 19, 2007. The presentation will be open to the public but it will not be advertised since this will be a preliminary meeting to see if our group would like to invite him back to present to the Town as a Town educational event.
- h. Energy Actions in School Systems – Bill Sprats. We looked at pamphlets that were mailed to our house about the energy conservation taking place in our High School.
- i. Report on New Constructions
 - i. On 7/19, Joel will be visiting green library in Leominster, North Adams library – it may be LEED certified.
 - ii. Joel recapped the Library committee decisions – The Library is actively pursuing geothermal. The committee is already getting architects to design the energy solutions.
 - iii. Kevin reported on the waste water treatment plant at Emerson/Florence Sawyer. It is going to start digging very soon. Already started so Bill Sprats is probably influencing this.
- j. Kevin reports that the DPW oil contribution article will be in the commons on 7/6/07.
- k. National Grid Greenup announcement. We talked about other possible ways to promote this. One idea was to post something on the announcement board in front of the Police Station. Another is to make a banner to post on Main Street somewhere possibly in front of the Police Station. However, there seems to be concerns about the logistics and politics. Martha will look into possibly getting a generic banner made just for promotional efforts through her company. Another possible venue is the Bolton Fair.
 - i. Ideally we can get a booth at the fair and possibly have the nearby towns volunteer to take chunks of time to run the booth so that we can attract more than just Bolton residents and encourage everyone to sign up. (We had more discussions about the booth described below in the Items Discussed section)
 - ii. There might be a chance of advertising about the booth or the greening efforts through the Friday night concert since Joel is in a band that's playing on Friday night.

2. Items Discussed

- a. Towns pooling together to afford electricity solutions - does it exist? Bulk Purchases?

- i. Wind/solar – town cannot get tax refunds, but rebates are higher (~50%)
 - ii. Possible topic of discussion at our 7/12 Towns Round Table
- b. 7/12 Towns Round Table
 - i. Joel and Laura will work on the presentation from Bolton.
 - ii. Laura will collect slideshow presentations from the participating towns and queue them up on her laptop to present with.
 - iii. Laura will do a head count from the huge amount of responses she has already received and decide if our current room will hold everyone.
- c. Booth at Bolton Fair (September)
 - i. Work with other towns to set up booth about energy awareness instead of just a Bolton-sponsored effort.
 - ii. Get towns to sit hourly to sign people up. This will also show unity in our efforts.
 - iii. Attraction idea #1: S'moores in solar ovens (idea from Martha)
 - iv. Attraction idea #2: Green activities for kids (idea from Laura and Chinloo)
 - v. Attraction idea #3: Green bus showcase – used veggie to fuel bus (idea from Paula)
- d. Low Carbon Diet on Saturday (an MCAN event) – Martha will go on behalf of our group.

3. Action Items

- a. Paula: find out what the 5 different DPW electric bills cover especially the huge general bill.
- b. Chinloo: Clean up energy spreadsheets to publish on our webpage - Especially the DPW bill.
- c. Joel: Check about Davis Hall as a backup for 7/12 event
- d. Laura: do a head count of towns coming and finalize agenda and location
- e. Martha: Globe-West article to share with team
- f. Martha: Find out if GreenUp funds can go toward Energy Audits.
- g. Mike: confirm presentation with Doug Plante (7/19: 7pm – 9pm)
- h. Paula: Talk to Rose Darton about a booth at the Bolton Fair

Next Week's Agenda

- 1) Report on action items
- 2) Review of agenda
- 3) Additional items of discussion
- 4) Finalize August meeting times