

Deerfield Energy Committee  
Minutes, 9/26/08

Present: MA Swedlund, Amy Gazin-Schwartz, Jay Striker, Kathy Melnik, David Keith, Barbara Krolick, Kristen Bakker

The Committee decided that the position of clerk would rotate among the members from month to month, alphabetically based on first names.

New committee members have been appointed, and need to be sworn in.

Agenda:

1. District Heating: JS explained District Heating, which has been used for 20 years in Scandinavia. Plants burn wood chips, saw dust, wood products, and can burn other fuel; these plants can provide energy over a 50 mile radius. People who have been involved in developing this technology will make a presentation at a meeting on November 13 in Greenfield.
2. The Pioneer Valley Clean Energy plan has been published online by the Pioneer Valley Renewable Energy Collaboration at [www.pvpv.org](http://www.pvpv.org). We discussed whether to adopt this plan in Deerfield.
3. the ESCO (Energy Service Company) plans were discussed. Deerfield, along with school districts and other towns in the area, have engaged Siemens company to evaluate energy efficiency and make recommendations about setting priorities to improve efficiency. Bernie will be the person to channel comments and questions to the ESCO.
4. MA reported that Select Board member Carolyn Ness expressed concern about the high heating costs this winter, and asked if the Committee could develop handouts or programs about ways to save on heating and energy. We discussed preparing a handout to be available at the polls on Nov. 4; and having a program with a speech by Pete Talmadge from GCC. Committee members will pursue both options.
5. Planning for activities for this year – discussion of this was postponed till the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Gazin-Schwartz