

Deerfield Energy Resources Committee
12/18/09
Minutes

Present: MA Swedlund, Kathy Melnik, Amy Gazin-Schwartz, Jay Striker. Kristen Bakker arrived 4:20.

1. News, reports

There has been a good preliminary assessment of the landfill as a site for solar energy installation.

Grants are available from federal stimulus money to pay for improvements, and for assistance in writing contracts with Siemens for the ESCO.

We have info on becoming a Green Communities and will discuss those.

Members of the committee will meet with the Selectboard to discuss the activities of the committee and up date selectmen on January 20.

Bernie has not heard anything about windfund money, MA will check on it.

The Climate 350 campaign is moving ahead. MA is going to DC 6-8 of Jan to meet with national groups. Lots of groups in the area are in conversation about this effort. She will give us updates; the campaign is officially starting as of Jan 1. (website: pvclimate.org)

2. GREEN COMMUNITIES

Where we are according to Peggy Sloane FRCOG.

BOS decided to try to qualify in summer

Applied for grant for FRCOG to provide professional assistance through process of qualifying

In their schedule, we are in phase III; they are just now finishing Phase I, each phase about 3 mo so we will come up in April-June. They will complete it June 30, then we have a year from then to do the changes we need to do. FRCOG will outline everything the town needs to do. They will have meetings April - June : first: informational (select board, PB, schools etc. all stakeholders) - we need to get folk there.

Then: an action plan is developed and submitted. Selectboard approves action plan and it is submitted June 30.

Peggy Sloane has been working with the Planning Board on other zoning changes.

We can't do anything till April meeting. But we should become clear as committee on where we stand on everything and understand what they are!

KM suggested that we deal with one section of the requirements each meeting. .

We will discuss requirments 1 and 2 for Jan meeting, 3 and 4 in Feb, 5 in March.

Kristen Bakker arrived at 4:20...

3. Minutes

6/09: JS moves to approve, KM second. One correction: Karen Herold (no James); approved unanimously.

11/20/09: JS moves to accept KM second....unanimously approved.

New Business: Discussed posting information on the town television announcements; Kristen will make up some slides for information on programmable thermostats and closing flues. KM moved to post this information; JS second ed. Approved unamiously.

Next meeting January 22, 2010

4:35 adjourned