

DEERFIELD ENERGY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes for October 29, 2010

Present: Ron Bohonowicz, David Keith, Jay Stryker, MA Swedlund, Kristan Bakker
Minute taker: DGK

Mtg to order. 4:20 Ron is introduced as newest member. David also waiting for notice of his appointment from Selectboard.

- 1.) Jay moves minutes without amendments. David seconds. 8/20/10 & 9/24/10 minutes passed unanimously.
- 2.) MAS: ESCO update: Bernie Kubiak just read the contract. He expects to sign it early next week. First thing to work on will be lighting, switches, etc. as advised by Siemens, followed by work on the Tilton Library boiler, then the school. The energy management system improvements at the school may have to wait until spring, mainly for ease of access. Tilton boiler uses about 1,669 gallons/yr of oil.
- 3.) Energy savings tips of the month: Kristan has been doing energy tip of the month. Suggestions: Ron mentions using a dollar bill to check the seal of refrigerator doors (if you can easily pull it out, you're losing energy.) Time again to recommend energy audits.
- 4.) Green communities: MAS reporting:
 - a.) MA trying to meet with Stacey Metzger (has grant to help), but hasn't yet.
 - b.) Using 2009 as baseline year for town energy use (footprint).
 - c.) Streetlights get billed by #hrs dark/day. Billed by type of fixture, not metered. Which is why we have 5 accounts, because we have 5 types. We pay rent and a monthly amount for energy. \$6-\$12/month rent. Could probably get away with reducing light output and/or number fixtures. Will look at whether owning fixtures makes sense. \$141,000 in streetlights, not quite sure whether that amount includes rent.
 - d.) Ron raises issue of whether hot water heaters are also rented. MAS & Jay think ESCO must have checked.
- 5.) Solar overlay district (for landfill and anywhere else). FRCOG has zoning language. Intended application at landfill is for solar pv, but language may allow other types except those that would require ground penetration (membrane).
- 6.) MAS sent message to Bernie in re: PACE program for energy improvement loans to be paid by tax bill. Even on transfer or property, loan stays with the tax bill. Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac are demanding payments as first lien holders, because PACE interferes with their loans. Mark Gilmore is writing to try to get clarification.

- 7.) New Biz: MAS: Open to suggestions for redesigning the transfer station.
 - a.) Raise drive-up level so we dump down to recycling.
 - b.) Also any signage improvements, campaigns to improve recycling rates. Ron will ask in Amherst whether they know of any model stations.
 - c.) Ron raises issue of adding plastic to the stream by using the bags: he'd rather just pay more up front and throw trash from can. Kristin says there are 2 kinds of biodegradable bags: sun or heat. Kristin will check into bags.
 - d.) Jay adds traffic pattern and pedestrian flow as consideration. Suggests traffic should be able to go to both sides of the roll-offs (as at the compacter) to increase ease of access.

Transfer Station redesign to remain on agenda for next meeting.

- 8.) MAS: Normal meeting dates close to holidays, suggests November 19th and December 17th instead of normal 4th Fridays. Jay moves that the next two meetings will be November 19th and December 17th. David seconds motion. Motion is approved unanimously.
- 9.) Kristan moves we ask Selectboard to appoint Ron to Deerfield Energy Committee. Jay seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.
- 10.) MAS reports that nothing has happened regarding Stretch Code. She has been trying to get it on the planning board agenda for three months. Trying to get Jim Barry to give presentation. Selectboard and Building Inspector have mentioned two concerns—indoor air quality and variable quality of HERS raters. MA feels their concerns are valid, but can be adequately addressed by the town.

Meeting adjourned 5:30

Respectfully submitted,

David Gilbert Keith