

DEERFIELD ENERGY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes for December 16, 2010

Present: Ron Bohonowicz, David Keith, Jay Stryker, MA Swedlund

1.) Minutes review: Amend at section (2.) to “Bernie Kubiak did another review of the contract and expects to sign it early next week.”

Change Kristan to “Kristin” throughout.

Unanimous approval of minutes as amended above.

2.) ESCO update (attach to minutes, “Beacon” & “Siemen’s”): Jay asks about estimated 136 year payback on Tilton furnace replacement. Ron explains that the furnace is at end of life so the decision is not driven by payback time. It has to be replaced anyway.

Most savings appear to be at school. Thermostats have been all wrong (weekend settings full time for years). Roof in works to coincide with scheduled shingling within five years. Redoing insulation will happen then. The work, M.A. says, may qualify for green communities if done within three years. Improvements to the energy management system alone will bring savings.

3.) Transfer station: Ron witnessed a (minor) car accident at our transfer station while there to review traffic flow. DEP tells Ron there is no universal model. Generally recommends spreading things as much as possible. Questions to investigate include how frequently roll-offs are replaced (how many “pulls”) and the cost/benefits of solar powered compactors (DEP said compaction can reduce costs).

M.A. will talk to Franklin Solid Waste Dist about landfill design and try to get answers about pulls/month and comparative prices of compactors.

4.) M.A. reports movement on solar overlay dist. There was a presentation for the Planning Board. That board asked for follow-up meeting which has been scheduled for December 20th. The district could be very important for green communities grant prospects.

5.) M.A.: We’re moving forward with baseline report on energy usage. Streetlights are a significant expense. The town operates 323 lights under five different billing accounts (because each type of light falls under a different account). They cost several thousands/month.

We would like to ask John Paciorek whether he would be willing to facilitate an inventory of town lights.

6.) Jim Barry to make presentation about the stretch codes to Selectboard Jan. 5, 7:00 pm, first on agenda. He will also speak at town meeting.

7.)Franklin Regional Council Of Governments has invited energy committees to attend a gathering for general discussions and updates.

8.) Town website discussion tabled.

9.) Next meeting Jan 28, 2011.

10.)Adjourned at 5:35

Respectfully Submitted,
David Gilbert Keith