

Town of Derry
Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2010

Attendees: Tom Minnon*, Brian Pellerin*, Mark Brassard*, Ernie St. Pierre, Mary Till*, Brent Carney*, Garon Kachanian, Chris Cox, Tom Cardon* (Taking minutes for the meeting and voting for Jonathan Keaney)

*Voting members

1. Call to order 7:00. Tom Minnon asked Tom Cardon to take minutes for the meeting and be a voting member.
2. Brent Carney moved to have Fire Chief George Klauber give an update on Derry Fire Department's energy and environmental initiatives.
 - a. Audits of all stations have been done by Michael Castagna, Castagna Consulting Group; these audits include electrical, plumbing, infrastructure and building energy issues. These audits will be used to prioritize the department's capital improvement plan.
 - b. Island Pond station has upgraded its heating system and insulated its ceiling.
 - c. Hampstead Road station has installed new energy efficient garage doors.
 - d. Heating problems exist in garages of all other stations because of their roof construction. Chief Klauber is looking for help on this issue.
 - e. Chief Klauber is looking for alternatives ways to generate hot water for stations.
 - f. New policy procedures have reduced gas and diesel consumption by 25% in the last 2 years.
 - g. Chief Klauber commended all members of the Derry Fire Department for their recycling and energy conservation efforts at the stations. He's proud of the department and their recycling and energy conservation efforts.
 - h. Chief Klauber commented on buying a Ford Taurus verse a hybrid vehicle. He stated the payoff didn't seem to make sense. Brent Carney reminded him that the town ordinance requires that preference be given to hybrid cars.
 - i. Chief Klauber invited all members of the committee to come into the stations. He also stated the fire department is more proactive in energy and environmental issues than any other department.
3. Minutes approved as amended 6-0. Amendment reflected corrections on votes.

4. Chairman's report

- a. Commented on continued positive press coverage by Nutfield News.
- b. First quote for windows at Taylor Library came in \$6,000.00 over budget. They still need to get 2 more quotes. We will discuss quotes and options when all three come in. There were questions of itemized bids.
- c. HB 1554 was tabled until next meeting.
- d. Public hearing on EECBG grants was approved by the town council for January 19, 2010. The meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2010.

5. Old Business

- a. Logo design by middle school students.
 - i. Deadline should be the end of March.
 - ii. Wording for logo should be "Derry Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee".
 - iii. It doesn't necessarily need to be computer generated.
 - iv. Prize will be gift certificates from local restaurants and business. To be determined later.
 - v. Tom Cardon will contact Sandii Galle at the Hood Middle School with this information.
 - vi. Announcement will be on Earth Day.
- b. Discussed draft proposals for New Hampshire EECBG grant program.
 - i. Solar PV (electric) installation on Municipal Center. Brian Pellerin is working on this grant.
 - ii. Energy audits for 9 town buildings are being worked on by Tom Minnon.
 - iii. Reviewed draft proposal to give property tax exemption for solar, wind and geothermal equipment. Brian Pellerin is working on these ordinances.
 - iv. Each EECBG proposal will be separate.
 - v. It was noted that Derry is a poor location for wind energy.
- c. Committee Liaisons
 - i. Ernie St. Pierre agreed to be liaison for utility companies.
 - ii. Mark Brassard agreed to be liaison for Pinkerton Academy.
 - iii. It was voted on 6-0 to have one committee for state and federal liaison. That committee will consist of Garon Kachanian, Mary Till, Mark Brassard and Tom Cardon.

6. New Business

- a. Mary Till proposed to have EFI donate CFL bulbs to Derry residents. It was voted on and passed 6-0. It was also noted to let the public know how to properly dispose of CFL bulbs.
- b. Discussed sending letters to our state delegation to support or oppose legislation related to energy and environmental issues. Brent Carney cautioned on proper protocol and we should always send a copy to the town council. We should also make sure that any letters that go out to our delegation are coming from EEAC and not the town council.
- c. Tom Minnon will head up the Earth Day activities. He wants it to be public and visible. We will have a press release prior to Earth Day.
- d. EEAC will report to the town council on February 16, 2010. It will include updates on Taylor Library, EEAC quarterly report and tax exempt ordinance.

7. Member Requests/Open Discussion

- a. There was concern expressed for Ernie Woodside who has not been at the meetings. Tom Minnon will check on him.
- b. Brent Carney suggested having 5 full time members and 5 alternate members for the committee. He also suggested changing the voting members to an odd number to avoid any ties.

8. Adjournment 8:55

Minutes prepared by Tom Cardon