

Town of Derry  
Energy and Advisory Committee Meeting  
3/1/10

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Tom Minnon, Brian Pellerin, Jonathan Keaney, Tom Cardon , Ernie St. Pierre (voting for Mark Brassard) , Mary Till, Brent Carney, Chris Cox

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda. Acceptance of Minutes of February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>. Acceptance of February 1 minutes as amended. Vote to approve, 6-0 in favor. Acceptance of February 16<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. Vote to approve, 6-0 in favor.
3. Chairman's Report. Excellent recent press in Nutfield News, Derry News and Union Leader. Filled out application for EPA Environmental Merit Award for work of committee at Brent's suggestion.
4. Old Business
  - a. Tax Exempt ordinance for Solar and Wind projects. Gary Stenhouse has identified that no current residences would be able to request abatements if ordinance were to be passed. Town is re-evaluating current assessor's office procedures which may resolve some concerns. Brian Pellerin has prepared specific responses to the concerns raised at Town Council meeting of February 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. No word back from EFI regarding request for CFL lights. Suggested alternatives, Home Depot and Lowes. Brent Carney suggests using a Derry business. Mary to reach out to local business.
  - c. Legislative sub-committee. Meeting held to discuss "cross-over day". 4 of bills that are being watched are listed as likely to pass. 2 are likely to be dismissed. Brent suggests process to keep in touch with legislative representatives to track and support bills as appropriate. Same applies for bills committee decides to oppose. Mary to meet with legislative committee and bring a selection of bills to discuss to next committee meeting.
  - d. Utility sub-committee meeting. Identified list of utilities currently serving Town. PSNH, National Grid, NH Co-op, and Unitel. Ernie feels like program on hazardous waste day is not a good idea, too busy to make an impact. Recommends providing handout to distribute at hazardous waste day. Planning on scheduling meeting with Chamber of Commerce to update town businesses on committee charter. Brent suggests request to Gary Stenhouse for small budget allocation for educational material.

- e. Logo-design contest. No update. Brent suggests created a Facebook page and using page to handle voting for logo contest. Committee to consider.

5. New Business

- a. Earth Day Plans. Tom open to suggestions. Mary to coordinate plans with community education and outreach subcommittee of Planning Committee. Need to begin to planning. Consider reaching out to Rail trail alliance and having table at Hood Park.
- b. Establish schedule for energy savings tip to be submitted to various media outlets. Committee is supportive. Concepts could range from simple tips to more extensive suggestion. Committee to submit ideas to group in email before next meeting. Committee also agrees to prepare op-ed for submission to media on earth day.
- c. Ensuring compliance with Derry's Clean Energy and Environmental Initiative. Committee discusses proposed letter to the Town Council from the committee reminding the Council of the intent of the Initiative. Jonathan comments generally that the committee should strive to avoid politically divisive issues. Motion to accept letter prepared by Brent to Gary Stenhouse after Council Meeting of 3/2/10. Seconded by Keaney. Motion passes 6-0.

6. Open Discussion. Committee members all thank Brent for his efforts to form the committee.

- a. Reminder from Brent for Tom to request clarifications from the Council chair for temporary alternates to be converted to full time alternates.

7. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Brent Carney. Seconded.