

Town of Derry  
Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting  
3/15/10

Meeting Minutes

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

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Consent Agenda**

Acceptance of Minutes of March 1<sup>st</sup> minutes Acceptance of minutes as amended. Vote to approve, 5-0 in favor.

**3. Chairman's Report**

Tax exempt ordinances passed at Town Council meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**4. Old Business**

- a. EFI declined our request for CFL lights stating the request was for a larger volume than they typically provide. Mary has submitted revised request to local business for coupons for CFLs to be handed out at Earth Day event and Derryfest. Waiting to hear from local businesses.
- b. Legislative sub-committee. Mary provided summary of bills currently being watched and discussed at most recent sub-committee meeting. Mary suggests
  - i. HB 1353 – Net Metering. Passed last year, including provisions establishing initial program. Current bill is to eliminate original provisions. Major element increases cap from 100 kW to 1 MW.
  - ii. HB 1377 – Utility Loan Program. Similar to 1554 only loan program administered by Utility. Surcharge used to fund loan
  - iii. SB 409 – State Funded Buildings meeting LEED standards. State funded projects with more than 5% and greater than \$5,000 must meet LEED or equivalent.
  - iv. SB 323 – Energy Boards Control Energy Fund. Would establish new board to control money generated by renewable energy fund.
  - v. SB 334 Study Committee of Renewable energy incentives.
  - vi. SCR2 – School Recycling. Passed. Expected outcome is letter from president of senate to all school presidents urging more rigorous recycling. Mary suggests that this would be opportunity for committee follow up.
- c. Utility sub-committee meeting. Nothing new to report.

- d. Logo-design contest. Need to establish voting method. Tom Minnon suggested use of surveymonkey. Concerns over voting method and security. Tom Cardon to contact school coordinator. Tom to provide an update next meeting.
- e. Earth Day Planning. Downtown clean up on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Saturday prior to Earth Day. Tom Cardon has reached out to Mike Fowler and gotten preliminary thumbs up and information. Chris Cox suggests providing display he made with electrical outlets showing traditional light bulbs vs CFL's with kilowatt meter. Brian to coordinate production of committee flyer. Ernie to reach out to local printers. Jonathan makes motion to accept idea of committee downtown clean up for earth day activity Seconded by Brian. Vote 5-0 in favor.
- f. Establish energy committee editorial publications/tips for local publications. Tom Minnon to coordinate and discuss at next meeting.
- g. Committee letter to Gary Stenhouse regarding Town's obligations regarding Town Green Ordinance. No response as yet.

#### 5. New Business

- a. Grant writing workshop in Manchester. No one is able to attend due to short notice and duration.
- b. Call to recycle battery recycling bins. Town is ok with concept. Mary moves to establish "Call to recycle" battery recycling bin with committee members monitoring and shipping full bins. Second by Tom Cardon. Vote 5-0 in favor.
- c. "Champion in action" proposal. Motion tabled until next meeting by Brian. Seconded by Mary. Vote to table approved 5-0.
- d. 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.
- e. New Council member for committee liaison. No information provided.

#### 6. Open Discussion.

- a. Mary provides information regarding planning for EEAC booth at Derryfest.
- b. Ernie raises concept for means for Brent to join the committee as a member. Mary motions this concept be tabled to next meeting. Seconded by Brian. Vote in favor 5-0.

#### 7. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Brian. Seconded by Mary. Vote in favor 5-0.