

Town of Derry
Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
4/5/10 Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda. Acceptance of Minutes of March 15th minutes. Acceptance of minutes as written. Vote to approve, 5-0 in favor.
3. Chairman's Report.
 - a. Taylor Library. Initial quotation for storm windows exceeded the budget. A second quote was obtained and was within budget.
 - b. Tom was contacted by Carol Robidoux regarding green businesses in Derry.
 - c. Garon Kachanian has resigned from the committee citing family issues. Committee will look for guidance in terms of replacement member.
4. Old Business
 - a. Mary has contacted multiple businesses regarding donations for CFLs. Has not had any success. Recommends that the plans for providing bulbs or coupons be organized for Derryfest.
 - b. House bills. General approach is for committee to discuss 7 house and senate bills currently under consideration, to show support or opposition, as appropriate and coordinate activities with local representatives as appropriate.
 - i. HB1554 allows towns to establish energy efficiency districts to allow loan of funds within the district for energy efficiency improvements. Sub-committee is currently split. Tom Minnon recommends bill should be identified for further watching and no discussion from the committee at this time. All agree.
 - ii. HB1353. Group net metering. Allows larger systems (1 MW) to be included and would be paid balance. Smaller users (100 kw) would get credits. Committee is in favor of the bill. Mary Till makes motion to support bill. Seconded by Chris Cox. Discussion. Committee generally agrees that the Derry delegation should be approached. Mary amends motion to subcommittee to approach Derry delegation to seek their advice and opinion prior to making a decision at the committee level. Mark suggests that sub-committee should further assess bills prior to engaging the Derry delegation and the full committee. Ernie asks what bills are set to be passed imminently. Mary identifies HB 1777 as soon to be voted. Tom Minnon to reach out to member of Derry Delegation for potential interaction.
 - c. Utility Sub-Committee. Upcoming energy code workshops sponsored by PSNH. Ernie to attend both residential and commercial workshops. Ernie also has provided information regarding upcoming wood burning regulations. Recommends committee should be keeping awareness around geothermal energy even though the state does not recognize geothermal as green energy source.

- d. Earth Day Activities. Organizational information. Tom Cardon has worked with Mike Fowler. Tom has collected the garbage bags which need to be placed on a main street. Mike suggests that we meet at Abbott court parking lot and work towards the Masonic temple. Downtown Committee is interested in getting involved. Tom Cardon to coordinate. Work from 8 to 12.
- e. Energy saving articles. Tom to prepare one for April.
- f. Call2Recycle bin is in place. No deposits as yet. Press release has been prepared and submitted.

5. New Business

- a. Logo design contest. Tom Cardon thanks Kim Tufts, Art teacher at Hood Middle School for coordinating contest. Gift certificates provided by Clam Haven and T-Bones. Plans for photo-op on April 22nd. Mark asks about ability modify or revise submissions. 14 submittals received. Tom Minnon would like all committee members to vote. Voting decides entry 2 is the winner and entry 3 is the runner up. Donors to be mentioned in press release.
- b. Citizens Bank – Champions in Action application. Deadline for application is April 9th. Would need to be 501.c.3 Corporation to be eligible.
- c. Junior Solar Sprint competition. Consider sponsoring competition in Derry. Regional contest in Springfield, Ma on June 13th. Would need to hold competition on or before June 5th. Ernie questions if there are any potential liability considerations. Councilor Milz to check with Town Council.
- d. PUC Greenhouse gas emissions Funding RFP coming out soon. Consider submitting application for WWTP. Keaney to check with Mike Fowler to see if previous energy audit has been previously performed.
- e. Taylor Library. Brent Carney has asked if the committee could lend support to implement some of the lower priority projects. Committee is willing, need to determine best day to schedule. Likely Saturday mornings.
- f. Derry Public Library. Meet for site walk on April 17th after downtown clean-up.

6. Open Discussion.

- a. Ernie asks if there has been any update on Rec Center improvements. Tom has no update.
- b. Mary requests/suggests the committee only has one meeting per month. Discussion promotes concept but agrees to wait until June to allow some current agenda items/tasks to be resolved.

7. Adjournment

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