

Town of Derry  
Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting  
4/19/2010 meeting minutes

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

1. Call to Order at 7:03pm.

2. Consent Agenda

Acceptance of Minutes of 5 April 2010. Vote to approve, 5-0 in favor.

3. Chairman's Report.

Tom M. explained the EEAC was unsuccessful in its bid to secure the New England EPA Merit Award grant.

Old Business

a. Legislative sub-committee. Mary explained the proposed Legislative Policy and Procedures criteria as drafted by the sub-committee.

1. The criteria include a range of actions the Committee can take relative to bills before the NH House or Senate.

2. Brian suggested insertion of "and/or" to the list of potential action steps.

3. Tom M. will ask the members of the Derry delegation if they would like to have a liaison to the EEAC.

4. Brian suggested having selected members of the EEAC meet with the Derry delegation.

5. Brian suggested we seek input from the Town Council while drafting a letter to a House and/or Senate chairperson, and then copying the Council on the same.

6. Ernie recommended seeking the advice of the Council liaison to the EEAC, Dave Milz, before a motion is made relative to these suggestions.

7. Mary asked about letterhead and Ernie suggested we speak with Dave on that topic as well.

8. Summaries of HB1554 and SB334 were provided to the Committee by the Legislative sub-committee.

9. Tom M. will talk with Dave relative to HB1554 to get his opinion on the notion of establishing, within Derry, a clean energy/energy efficiency district.

10. Relative to SB334, Mary made the following motion: if given authority by the Council to contact our legislators, the EEAC will send a letter to the Derry delegation expressing its opposition to SB334 and support of HB1554. Ernie seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

b. Utility sub-committee. Ernie mentioned the NH Energy Code Challenge workshop series at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center in Conway. Residential and Commercial workshops are offered. More information can be found at [www.nhenergycode.com](http://www.nhenergycode.com).

c. Earth Day clean-up. Plans were confirmed for EEAC members to meet on Saturday, 24 April, at 8am. We'll clean three municipal parking lots: Abbott Court, Wall Street, and the parking lot adjacent to the Masonic Temple.

d. Tom M. indicated he was working on a series of educational announcements on energy efficiency and conservation. The first in the series will be on the proper disposal of mercury-containing devices, such as thermometers.

e. Logo design winner. Tom M. announced Emily Harris, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from Hood Jr. High School, was the contest winner. He will be joined by Emily at the School Board meeting tomorrow night. On Earth Day, 22 April, Tom will make a presentation of the prizes to Emily at a Hood School assembly. The Press has been invited.

f. Junior Solar Sprint competition. Tom M. indicated the event takes place in Springfield, MA on 13 June. He had sent e-mails to the middle school science teachers in Derry but has yet to receive any response. Since his e-mails might be blocked as spam, he will mention the competition at the School Board meeting he's attending tomorrow.

g. Taylor Library energy improvements. Tom M. showed images of various EEAC members taking part in the effort. The CFL bulbs shine brighter and use less power than the incandescent bulbs they replaced.

#### New Business

a. Grant applications. Tom M. mentioned PSNH grants as noted on the site [www.psnh.com/Energy/BusinessEfficiency/paysave.asp](http://www.psnh.com/Energy/BusinessEfficiency/paysave.asp). Brian will look at the PSNH grants and Tom will examine similar grants from the EPA as a means of funding various projects in town.

b. Derry Public Library. The EEAC has been asked to examine the building in a manner similar to the Taylor Library. It was decided we could visit at the conclusion of the Earth Day clean-up, since members will be at the Masonic Building parking lot. This will be a first-pass, cursory visit.

c. Local Energy Committee conference on Saturday, 19 June. Mary and Tom M. will attend.

#### Member Requests/Open Discussion

a. Ernie suggested sending a letter to the Town Administrator relative to updates to the Town's greenhouse gas ordinance. Tom will follow-up with Dave.

b. Ernie suggested the EEAC be involved, and an energy audit performed, before the Town invests in any energy improvement measure, such as installing a new heating system. Brian echoed this by stating an audit provides the fastest return on an investment and determines where/how money is best spent. Tom M. will ask Dave how this suggestion might be implemented by the Town.

#### Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn by Brian. Seconded by Mary. Vote in favor 5-0 at 8:10pm.