

Town of Derry
Energy and Advisory Committee Meeting
9/19/2011

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mary Till, Tom Cardon, Maureen Reno, Marc Flattes (Voting for Jonathan Keaney), Chris Cox (voting for Tom Minnon), David Milz, James Ricker. Special Guest, Bob Eldredge (Better Buildings Initiative).

Call to Order

Consent Agenda. Mary Till makes motion to accept 8/15/11 minutes as corrected. Seconded by Marc Flattes. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Chairman's Report. No Report.

Guest Presentation made by Bob Eldredge. Bob talked about Button Up NH initiative with Clean Air Cool Planet. Although there is little to no funding for this program now, they have been able to keep it going with donations. They have approached local banks and restaurants for donations to fund materials and prizes. They offer two workshops. One touches on the simple, easier ways to button up your home and the second goes into more detail on major improvements leading to major energy savings. He also spoke of efforts to get towns to join together to bulk buy electricity and get lower prices. Susan Olson is coordinating municipalities. Tom suggested that we would let Mike Fowler know about this program although we thought he has already negotiated a good price. Bob also talked about a couple of PSNH program. One is "Home Energy Inspections for Kids." They work with local science teachers to get kids involved. The other is Home Performance program for all qualified PSNH customers. Qualification is based on the estimated energy efficiency rating of the home. Program details are on line at PSNH.com/homeperformance. They also work with people on fuel assistance programs to help them qualify for energy saving improvements to their homes. Bob said he would like to see the NH Regional Planning Commission organize local energy committees to work together on local energy projects.

Old Business

Brochure: - Maureen finished the updates and David Milz was able to get the town to print up the brochures in time for Derryfest.

Derryfest was a success with much interest in the EEAC booth which included a demo of the KillAWatt meter on incandescent and fluorescent bulbs, a solar panel, a solar sprint car (toy), and an electric bicycle.

Updates of TV show. Marc reported that there have been some snags causing delays in the filming of the TV series. Tom agreed to set up an appointment with Joanie Cornetta asap to film the first segment.

Apartment Recycling Contest. Marc reported that there was one large apartment complex that is showing interest in the contest. Marc will follow up with them next week.

Tom announced that National Recycle Day is November 15. That is the date we hope to award the prize for the most improved apartment recycling entity.

Derry Fall Clean-up. We agreed to meet at 9 a.m. on October 15 at the Doggie Park to do the Fall clean-up of Fordway by the Transfer Station. The Go Green committee is promoting Oct 15 through Oct 22 as Fall Clean-up week.

Tom asked for submission of budget items for the 2012 fiscal year.

New Business

Bev Edwards, Temple (NH) Energy Committee member will be our guest speaker for the Oct 3 meeting. She will share some of the initiatives they have used successfully in Temple to help both the town and the residents become more energy efficient.

Taylor Library. Tom announced that he verified that the unused chimney at the Taylor Library leaks and should be sealed off. He also proposed a new damper be put in the working chimney.

Town Report. We discussed updates to the Town Report. Mary and Maureen made several suggestions of additional activities of EEAC this year. Dave Milz is going to determine exactly what the Town Report will be used for. Tom will make updates as needed to the report prior to submission.

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting will be Oct 3, 7 p.m., Room 207 of Municipal Building.