

Town of Derry

Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes: 3/19/12

Derry Municipal Center, Room 207

Attendees: Mary Till, Maureen Reno, Tom Cardon, David Milz, Marc Flattes (voting for Tom Minnon), Jim Ricker (voting for Jonathan Keaney)

1. Call to Order 7 pm
2. Consent Agenda. Motion to accept the 2/13/12 meeting minutes without edits by Mary Till, second by Marc Flattes. Approved 5-0.
3. Old Business:
 - (a) Marc provided an update on the TV show spots:
 1. The first show ("Energy Efficiency for the Home") has aired and is available via "Video on Demand" through the Town of Derry website. The next show is scheduled to be filmed on March 26th, and it is expected that it will take 1-2 weeks to air.
 2. 4/15-4/21 is National Environmental Education Week. Should one of the upcoming shows be done with the EEAC in conjunction with this? Include Con Com and Go Green as well? All shows would be 20 minutes in length; however, time is getting short so this would need to be discussed with Chris to discuss timeframes for completion. Marc to get more info for the EEAC.
 - (b) Grants:
 1. There is grant money available, but the EEAC would have to determine what we want to do with it first. We can't apply for it, but could we recommend it be done by Mike Fowler? The problem is that the Town uses so much energy that it already gets a very low utility rate, the cost of solar is going down, and there are state rebates and tax credits that might be available too. Maureen will look into this.
 2. "Sustainable Skylines" (an EPA partnership) – This program works with Towns to do things in a more sustainable fashion. We should go to their website and come up with ideas and opinions on how to take advantage of it. David Milz will talk with John Anderson to see if he wants any ideas sent to him first before sending them to Mike Fowler.
 3. Grants can be "low dollar". Could we post information about them and their availability on bulletin boards in the library to let the residents know about them? Dave M. noted that we need to determine if this municipality qualifies for them, and we have turned some down in the past due to associated conditions.
 - (c) Format for election of officers: Robert's Rules of Order will be followed. Members are encouraged to send any thoughts or input on this matter to Tom for review.

- (d) Local Energy Solutions Conference: Conference will be held on March 31st. Tom will buy tickets and get them reimbursed through the Town.
- (e) Appointments: 3 appointments are about to expire – Mary and Jonathan (voting members) and Jim Ricker (alternate). Tom's understanding was that Jonathan would re-apply, and it was discussed who would fill Mary's spot (Jim Ricker?).

4. New Business:

- (a) Fordway clean-up: Schedule it for Saturday 4/21? We would meet at the doggy park at 9 am. Tom C. to speak with Joanie about bags.
- (b) Solar Sprint: This event needs more participation from the kids. It was discussed where to solicit interest (youth organizations?). Should we let Tom Minnon organize this?
- (c) Fix voting members language on the Town website. It currently says there are 5 voting members plus David Milz and John Anderson (or designee, who the Town doesn't send). Would the bylaws allow Tom to appoint an alternate to vote in the Town designee spot? David Milz to discuss with the Town.

5. Member Requests: A very special thank you to Mary Till for her years of service to the EEAC! Tom accepts motion to adjourn. Marc first, Mary seconds. Motion is accepted 5-0. Adjourn at 7:50 pm.