

## Enfield Energy Committee Minutes

*"To identify energy savings for the Town and energy savings opportunities for the community".*

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Time: 5:15 PM**

**Location: Whitney Hall, Enfield, NH**

### **I Call to order**

Attending: Alisa, Charlie, Larry, Rich, Kim

### **II Approval of minutes**

- Meeting Minutes, [May 22, 2012](#) (approved)

### **III Public Comment**

### **IV Old Business**

- Shaker Bridge lights: Monday, July 2 is the next selectboard mtg where Alisa will confirm whether the lights we specified will be the ones purchased. If it doesn't go well, then we may want to get appropriate groups to join forces and go before the selectboard one more time.
- Lake lighting: Wendell was going to send a note to the MLA suggesting an article or some info on how to avoid light pollution on the lake for all residents who live near the lake. Kim has sent some possible text to Wendell for that message.
  - Lighting Press Release: Wendell had started a press release quite a while ago to discuss the LED retrofit on Main St and the Veteran's Park. Since we waited to send this out, it might be good to combine it with some info on the Shaker Bridge lights as well. Here is the link: [Press release](#). Please feel free to add notes, comments, and add info on the shaker bridge lights.
- Energy Committee's 2012 Project ideas - we didn't discuss the pellet energy storage or town energy coop type idea this week as we were missing Phil and Wendell. We talked about the renewable energy caravan - find people willing to show off their homes, define a time for each house, perhaps provide some food at each house or at the last house...Richard is thinking about this.
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### **V New Business**

- Energy Chapter, Transportation recommendations. We discussed the two documents that Charlie provided last week: [Energy Transportation Report](#), which includes a reference to the [Total Energy Snapshot](#).
  - Please provide your comments to Charlie and copy the group if you can.
  - We would like to send this document to the people working on the Master Plan, transportation section after next month's meeting as the Energy Committee's recommendations, so please read and provide feedback.
- Events:
  - Solarfest is July 20-22. Kim will be presenting 78 Main St after one year of living in a ZEB house, on Sunday, 1pm. Tinmouth. Here is a link: <http://solarfest.org/>
  - NESEA Green House Tour, Sat Oct 6th, 10am-4pm. Here is a link: <http://www.nesea.org/gboh/>

### **VI Other Items**

- Next meeting, Tues, July 24th (5:15pm)

#### **List of Accomplishments:**

- Tracking Enfield buildings energy usage, electrical, fossil fuels, vehicles

- Google [map of streetlights](#)
- No Idling signs around town
- MEAP grant for Energy analysis and audit of Whitney Hall
  - level 1 energy audit report complete, 3/15/11
- Energy Policy audit for Enfield
- ARRA grant (\$19,000) for Veteran's park and Main St lighting upgrades
  - Installed and saving \$1800/year, 10.5 tons of CO2
- Solar Roller float for 250th anniversary
- Provided [Energy Objectives](#) to the Land Use Planning and Energy Chapter for Enfield

## **VII Adjournment**

### **Past ideas worth remembering:**

- Phil Vermeer suggested new vehicles purchased could be hybrids and possibly retrofitting vehicles to battery/electric operation. Maybe there is something specific such as school buses that can be addressed. Also, we want to include the school district in our energy plans even though much of those decisions go through different committees that include 5 towns.
- Phil also suggested that the energy committee might get more involved in the new high school proposal for bio-mass boiler for heating.
- Town challenge for people to report their energy use and set goals (has Thetford done something like this? They recently asked for a bid for LED streetlights)
- There is a town in Long Island which is changing out lights using  $\frac{1}{3}$  town funds, and  $\frac{2}{3}$  grant money
- How can Enfield generate its own electricity? Perhaps we start with the bridge lights, which don't go through National Grid; Secondly, can we buy our electricity from a locally sourced facility (like baltic mill, maybe shaker mill building and smith pond)
- The town does own a resevoir and a dam - anything we can do with those? Can this be tied into the Energy Chapter / Land Use plan?
- Can the town create electrical charging stations - maybe at the community center
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