

Enfield Energy Committee Minutes

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

Our current goal is to reduce the Town's total energy consumption by 25% (relative to the 2007 baseline data) by the end of the 2011 calendar year.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, Feb 22, 2011, Time: 5:15 PM

Location: Community Building meeting room,
Enfield, NH

I Call to order

Attending: Rich, Kim, Charlie, Steve, Larry, Bo

II Approval of minutes

o Meeting Minutes, Jan 25, 2010 (please review)

Approved

III Public Comment

o Mike McCrory will join us to discuss Energy Chapter and Questionnaire for Town meeting (Charlie's projects) - Mike couldn't make it due to illness in family.

IV Old Business

o Enfield's Energy Policy chapter for Master Plan (Charlie)

Also see the Village map and district chart

Nate's "Future Land Use, Enfield, NH" chart and "2011 Transportation Chapter, Draft"

Energy Chapter mtg, 2/7/11 (Charlie, Kim, Mike McCrory) - Charlie can provide an update on next steps in the energy chapter

- Master plan in Enfield is under review, so we can provide a chapter for the energy committee. Charlie has an intro he will send out. Please use this google doc for your comments: "Draft 1.0_Energy Chapter Intro"

Discussion on the questionnaire Charlie has been working on for town meeting

- Mike is providing a pass over the survey to help find potential political pitfalls.

- Please use this link to review and comment on the Survey: "Enfield Energy Survey Rev1.0"

o EECBG Lighting Grant update (LEDConversion Updated Doc)

Review additions for new lighting, and brochure on Photo controls

Review final contract including Community light addition

• We want to make sure this project gets done before any time limitations. What are the time limitations? (Kim to look it up). LED Conversions was planning on waiting until the spring. Maybe Alisa can contact her ARRA source to make sure the funds are still there

o Update on Plainfield Energy Expo -- Jan 29, 2011

• Kim attended - it was well attended, but mostly Plainfield, Claremont, Cornish. No one signed up to get more info on Enfield's energy committee. Good workshops.

o Update on Vital Communities Municipal networking event (Charlie attended)

• Charlie attended - Main focus is cooperation between Upper Valley towns. They broke up into groups to discuss how to solve a town problem: the economy fails even further - how would you work the budget issues. Many people came up with consolidating town services across multiple towns. Others came up with out-sourcing things like ambulance or recycling services.

• The "commuter-shed" of 40 minutes commute represents about 150,000 people. That's not really enough people to support some services we are asking for... like advance transit.

o [Any updates on items below?]

o Police Dept TED report (may have an update this month...)

• Kim will try again to get a meeting at the PD by stopping in some day rather than relying on email (monday after next?)

o Library geo-thermal analysis Q&A (update from Bo), letter of recommendation (Steve), research for grants (Kim)

• There is not enough info for Bo to get through the analysis and he has not gotten answers to his questions. At this point if/when the library project gets going again, then Bo would like to go through the numbers.

• Larry offered to try and get a contact and info on the Lebanon library geo-thermal project.

o List of Enfield people with renewable energy projects

• Richard will consider adding this survey to town meeting handouts as well as the Energy Chapter survey.

o Energy Committee ideas for Enfield's 250th

Solar Roller (solar power demonstration trailer/float)

- Bike blenders? PA system? Signage and info on our new LED lights. Possible boat trailer from Charlie has a 4x8 sheet of plywood
- Everyone - please put in a few minutes thought on the 250th so if there are things we can actually do, we will start working on them.
- Alternative transportation ideas in the parade
- Info/display on Veteran's Park lighting
- Action Items: Look for pictures of old and new energy sources, find hay wagon for Rolling Solar Display, research environmentally firework display (Laser show!?!)
- o Whitney Hall energy audit?
- o DPW Lighting audit (National Grid)?
- o Update on energy projects around town - Wendell's update
- Shaker museum hydro power
- o Press release for Lighting grant
- o Shaker bridge project lighting update
- o Town building energy usage, next report for all of 2010

V New Business

- National Grid greenup program: www.communityenergyinc.com/NH
Steve looked into this - they are people who make renewable energy and ask you to donate -- like carbon credits. Not clear how to trace dollars and actual usage.
- There is \$1500 in the budget for the energy committee for next year, needs to be approved at town meeting.
- Huse park project is on hold.
- Local Energy Solutions Conference (for local energy committee members), Sat, April 2, 8:00am-4pm, Merrimack Valley High School, Penacook, NH
The Energy Committee funds can pay for people who want to attend this.
- Energy Data for buildings - not matching town report

VI Other Items

- o Next meeting, Tues, March 22, 2011

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
- Energy Policy audit for Enfield

- ARRA grant (\$19,000) for Veteran's park and Main St lighting upgrades

VII Adjournment