

TOWN OF ENFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE/TIME: April 22, 2008 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Whitney Hall Conference Room, 23 Main Street, Enfield NH

CALL TO ORDER: 5:10 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Present: Charles DePuy, Carol Lammert, Richard Lammert, Steve Goldsmith, Meredith Smith, John Burritt (alternate). Administrative Staff: Alisa Bonnette Tentative Member: Wendell Smith (alternate, pending response)

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION:

R. Lammert nominated Steve Goldsmith as Chair person, C. DePuy seconded. 4 in favor, 1 abstention (S. Goldsmith), motion carried.

S. Goldsmith nominated C. Lammert as Secretary, M. Smith seconded. C. Lammert agreed to serve as Secretary for one year only. 4 in favor, 1 abstention (C. Lammert), motion carried.

Length of term: C. DePuy 05/01/09

M. Smith 05/01/09

C. Lammert 05/01/10

S. Goldsmith 05/01/10

R. Lammert 05/01/11

J. Burritt 05/01/11

W. Smith 05/01/11

In the absence of the chair person a committee member will be so designated.

MINUTES: Notes from the formative meeting of 3/19/08 were reviewed. Less than a quorum was present so no meeting was held. (Approval of the notes is not required.)

COMMUNICATIONS and REPORTS: Packets containing information on the Community Energy Challenge, Proposed wind projects in New England, New England solar installations, Discovering a Sense of Place at the Enfield Shaker Museum, Resource Conservation and Development Catalyst, were provided. Members shared information on area presentations attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

Compact Florescent Light (CFL) bulbs are accepted at the Enfield Transfer Station without a disposal fee. Pros and cons to use of CFL's and LED bulbs were discussed.

Tabulation of the town's fuel usage was provided re: propane, oil and electricity. The documentation reflects payment. The committee reviewed the data. Steve offered to organize the data according to a facility or specific entity (electricity for street lighting). Charlie will gather information on buildings from existing resources within the town government, public works department and possibly the Lion's Club re: the Community Building. Consideration would be given to factors such as ceiling height. This information will provide some basis for further comparison, possibly presented at gallons per year per square foot. There is a desire to

measure progress and draft a long range energy plan for reduction in energy usage according to international standards such as a per cent reduction of the energy used and the carbon footprint between 2010 and 2050. The current fuel usage data provided prompted the desire to explore specific things such as street lighting, electrical energy audits per building, etc. It may be possible to have an electrical audit done by the electric company or by a volunteer group. It was noted that the Fire Department has a device that can be used to measure heat loss

NEW BUSINESS:

As this was the first meeting of the full committee (on Earth Day) members shared their desires, concerns and current practices of energy conservation.

The scope of the committee was discussed. According to the notes of March 19 the purpose of the Energy Committee is “to identify energy savings for the Town and energy savings opportunities for the community.” It was mentioned that the committee can make recommendations but has no power for enforcement.

Energy concerns of individual members include greater facilitation of recycling among seasonal and year round residents, availability of parking space for area mass transit users, individual use of solar power, committee members leading by example, etc. There was a question on the scope of the committee re: recycling.

It was suggested that an Internet site be devised similar to one in Lyme, NH that functions as an unmonitored chat forum for exchange of ideas, opinions, experiences, information, etc. pertinent to energy concerns among town residents. The need for an “electronic town crier” with facilitation of communication within the community was voiced. Suggestions were shared on how to set up the site, possibly on Yahoo, using the name Enfield Energy. Steve and Alisa discussed how this might be set up.

Members shared information from other sources such as Vital Communities, Solar Fest, etc.

A meeting schedule of monthly, every fourth Tuesday, starting at 5:00 P.M. and not to exceed 7:00 P.M., at the Whitney Hall Conference Room was established.

An invitation will be extended to Mr. Andy MacDonald of the Transfer Station for clarification on what can be recycled (electronic items) and where it is disposed, the financial aspects of the facility and what feed back is currently received from citizens for the next meeting. The next meeting will be May 27 at 5:00 P.M. at Whitney Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Lammert