Town of Harvard Energy Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes 3/12/14

Attendees: B. Smith, E. Broadbent, B. Sullebarger
Guests: Don Ludwig, Joe Hutchison, Master Plan Steering Committee

Location: Old Library 8 PM

Meeting Discussion/Status	
Minutes	No votes were taken because we did not have a quorum.

The primary discussion was to discuss the Master Plan efforts with Joe Hutchison and Don Ludwig from the Master Plan Steering Committee and how HEAC can participate. The objective of a Master Plan is to guide Town efforts and strategy. The discussion can be summarized by the following:

1. Master Plan Status – Phase I was completed in 2012. Phase II is in process.
2. Priorities Phase II – Forums and Surveys about Devens, Commercial Development, Housing, Town Center, Conservation
3. Goals – The Town's Vision and Goals were defined in Phase I. The HEAC Goals were discussed in order to ensure the Master Plan is aligned:
    a. HEAC goals are primarily to reduce municipal energy costs by reducing energy usage. HEAC is a Green Community with a stated goal to reduce energy use by 20% in five years.
    b. Vision for Community – The Community is interested in energy reduction and environmental stewardship. HEAC has mainly limited its efforts to reducing Town energy costs but has supported other initiatives such as Solarize, Energy Education and Renewable Energy policy and regulations. HEAC wants to determine the best way to support the Community in this area.
    c. Obstacles – The two main areas are a lack of attention and awareness on maintenance and building management. Harvard prides itself on volunteers but this is not a valid policy when it comes to managing the building use and performance, especially regarding energy use.