

JAFFREY ENERGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting on 11/18/2010 at 5 PM at Jaffrey Town Offices

Present: Dick Ames, Harry Young, Margaret Dillon, Rob Stephenson, Doug Clayton, Doug Starr

Absent: Andy Young, Bonnie Mitchell

Guests: Selectman Don MacIsaac; Rindge Energy Commission members (Richard Mellor, Bob Cleland (Chair), Pat Martin, and John McCracken); Sheila Garrity of the Meeting School in Rindge; and Barbara Bernstein of the NH Public Utilities Commission.

The Committee addressed the agenda as follows:

- Carbon Challenge: Town of Rindge.

Rindge Energy Commission members briefed Committee members on Rindge's plans for participation in the New England Carbon Challenge (NECC). According to literature passed out by the Rindge representatives, NECC "is a joint initiative of the University of New Hampshire and Clean Air-Cool Planet. The mission of NECC is to educate and inspire the residents of New England to make a 25% reduction in residential carbon by 2020. ... *My Energy Plan*™, a project of the NECC, is your one-stop resource for learning how to reduce your energy use of your household. MYENERGYPLAN.NET houses a suite of innovative web based tools that help New England residents develop an energy plan to reduce their household's energy consumption – a plan that is customized to their family and their household's needs." (For more information, see <http://necarbonchallenge.org>.)

Rindge is participating in the Carbon Challenge as a community. Rindge's goal is to gain the participation of 10% of Rindge's households. Rindge residents who go to the web site and take the Carbon Challenge will benefit as a household and will also be credited towards Rindge's 10% participation goal. Carbon Challenge handouts indicate that "the average household taking the Challenge is saving over \$700 and 16% in energy use per year." These and other handouts will be distributed to households in Rindge through schools, clubs and associations. The launch date for this undertaking by Rindge is 1/19/2011. NH Representative John Hunt will give a keynote talk at that time. Rindge is also hosting a free "Button Up, New Hampshire!" workshop on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at 7 PM at the Rindge Community Center.

Rindge Commission members encouraged Jaffrey to undertake the Carbon Challenge in a friendly competition with Rindge. The cost for Jaffrey would be \$250, an amount that would need to be authorized by the Jaffrey Board of Selectmen. Temple is another community that may participate in the Challenge.

The Committee agreed to take this Carbon Challenge proposal under advisement. The question of participation by Jaffrey will be on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.

- Town Buildings Energy Audit – Presentation of Audit results by Margaret Dillon.

Margaret Dillon of Sustainable Energy Education Demonstration Services (SEEDS) presented the results of SEEDS' recent audit of the Town's public buildings. As explained in the Committee's public notice for this meeting, "the audits were funded by a grant from the New Hampshire Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund (GHGERF) administered by the NH Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Funds for the GHGERF come from auction sales of greenhouse gas emissions

allowances pursuant to New Hampshire's participation in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic ten-state Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)." Barbara Bernstein presence as a representative of the funding agency, the NH PUC, was noted with appreciation.

A printed copy of the full SEEDS audit report was circulated at the meeting and served as the basis for the SEEDS presentation. A copy may be reviewed at the Town Offices (contact Doug Starr). Copies are also available on CDs (again, contact Doug Starr).

The Committee will address the findings of the SEEDS audit at its next meeting.

- Next Meeting.

The next Jaffrey Energy Committee meeting will be on December 16, 2010, at 5:30 PM at the Jaffrey Town Library.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Richard Ames