

Minutes
Energy Advisory Committee
Date: 19 February 2010

Present: Sharon Anderson, Rick Bedard, Robert Blackman, Laurie Connors, Jim Dunn, John McGarry, Guest Edd Cote, Associate, Millbury Planning Board

Absent: George D'Auteuil, Brian Stowell, Brad Turner

Call to Order: 3:40 P.M.

Acceptance of Past Minutes: Jim Dunn motioned to accept the minutes of the 8 January 2010 meeting. Bob Blackman seconded. Unanimous vote.

Reports: Bob Blackman reported that *Clean Energy Choices* has forwarded the Town of Millbury the matching funds (\$4,600.00) for selected energy projects. They also included the rules of how to proceed with these projects.

Other Business:

Laurie discussed making zoning changes recommended by Green Community (P.2, 26.13 and 43.D). She mentioned that she is waiting for direction on how to include expedited permitting provisions into the Zoning Bylaws without adopting MGL Chapter 43D (Priority Development Sites).

She explained that she is waiting for guidance from Kelly Brown, but it is unlikely that she will be able to come up with a solution before the Warrant closes on March 5th.

Re: The Height and Rated Nameplate Capacity of wind turbines, Laurie proposed increasing the height and rated nameplate capacity of a turbine to enable construction of municipal and industrial-scale turbines. Jim suggested that perhaps the solution lies in introducing two standards: residential and commercial/industrial-scale turbines. He agreed to review the draft changes and provide feedback to Laurie.

New Business:

- 1) Scott Farrar of National Grid (NG) gave a presentation and offered advice on green energy initiatives provided by National Grid. He suggested that the Town identify three or four energy-intensive municipal buildings for submission to NG for a free energy audit. Thus far, all of the schools and the library have taken part in this program. The audit will include recommendations (interior of buildings only) of energy efficient measures that the Town could implement to reduce consumption. If the Town decides to implement these recommendations, NG will pay up to 70% of the installation and equipment costs. If this seems favorable, NG will add more to audit in the future.
- 2) Paul Rodenbush of NE Light offered a discussion on the future of LED lighting and its potential for the Town of Millbury. NELight is available to perform audits of exterior lighting, including parking lot lights. He agreed to temporarily install one or two test LED fixtures in a school parking lot, at no cost to the Town, so that the Town could compare them to the traditional lighting, both in function and cost. He will work with Rick Bedard to identify a suitable location and schedule installation.

Adjournment: Bob Blackman motioned to adjourn at 5:25 P.M. Sharon Anderson seconded. Unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: Friday 5 March 2010 @ 8:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Anderson

ATTEST:
