

Minutes
Energy Advisory Committee
Date: 16 April 2010

Present: Sharon Anderson, Rick Bedard, Robert Blackman, Laurie Connors, George D'Auteuil, Jim Dunn

Absent: John McGarry, Brian Stowell, Brad Turner

Call to Order: 8:40 P.M.

Acceptance of Past Minutes: Jim Dunn motioned to accept the minutes of the 19 February 2010 meeting. Rick Bedard seconded. Unanimous vote.

Chair's Minute:

- (a) Laurie attended a training session for the *MassEnergyInsight Inventory Program* and reported that, in her opinion, it was superior to the *Energy Star Portfolio Manager* in that it tracks everything covered by the Green Communities Program: water, sewer, vehicle use, electricity use for the various municipal facilities and street lights, etc. Heaviest users can be easily identified using this program. Also the Town's billing/usage information will be automatically updated into the program. Laurie will input the information gathered by the Committee members to date so that they can discuss the results at a future meeting.
- (b) Laurie described the changes to the *Expedited Permitting Requirements* by saying that the constructive approval provision has been eliminated. She learned from Kelly Brown that Millbury is the only community that is attempting to apply expedited permitting to a use instead of a specific location. Laurie will continue to work with Kelly to come up with the appropriate language for the May 2011 Town Meeting. Bob Blackman said that the various builders associations are fighting the stretch code. Perhaps by next year, this may be more advantageous.

- (c) Laurie said that she attended the Butler Farm Reuse Committee meeting on April 14th to discuss whether they would support resubmission of the Town's Wind Turbine Feasibility Study grant application. The Committee agreed, however they requested that they be consulted prior to proceeding with the met tower phase of the Feasibility Study because they are concerned about unnecessary clearing. Laurie agreed to this. She explained that if the results of the first phase of the feasibility study conclude that a wind turbine is not feasible at Butler Farm, then there will be no need to proceed to the met tower phase. Jim offered to look into Stowe Meadows vs. Butler Farm re: citing for connectivity. Laurie explained that although Stowe Meadows appears to be the better site for a wind turbine, the Board of Selectmen identified Butler Farm as the Town's site because the Conservation Commission has jurisdiction over Stowe Meadows and their support for a turbine project there is in question. Jim made a motion to proceed with submission of the Wind Turbine Feasibility Study grant application. Bob seconded. Unanimous vote.

Reports:

- (1) Bob Blackman reported on the purchase of solar equipment for the municipal building and high school by saying that we have the money and that all that needs to be done is collaborate with Jim Dunn on how to correctly place the order. Jim stated that Paul Rodenbush of *NE Light* had donated some LED lights for this project. Bob suggested that Sharon coordinate publicity with Kate Plourd of the *Massachusetts Clean Energy Center* as this is a stipulation of the project.
- (2) Rick Bedard reported on the installation of LED lighting in the school parking lot by saying he will get in touch with Paul Rodenbush of *NE Light* by the next meeting (14 May) to install the lights. The Town's electrician is responsible for installing the lights.

New Business:

- (1) Jim Dunn made known the good news that Joe Barbado of the *Millbury Credit Union* is announcing a 4% borrowing rate for *Green Energy Projects*. This announcement will be made on Thursday 22 April during the "Peter Blute Show" on WCRN (830 AM) between 6 and 9 AM.
- (2) Brian Stowell was chosen to develop a *Fuel-efficient Energy Policy* for applicable town vehicles. This policy will then be approved by the Board of Selectmen

Adjournment: Jim Dunn motioned to adjourn at 9:58 A.M. Bob Blackman seconded. Unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: Friday 21 May 2010 @ 8:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Anderson

ATTEST:
