

Minutes
Energy Advisory Committee
Date: 3 December 2010

Present: Sharon Anderson, Rick Bedard, Bob Blackman, Laurie Connors, Jim Dunn, John McGarry, Brad Turner

Absent: George D'Auteuil, Brian Stowell

Call to Order: 8:35 A.M.

Acceptance of Past Minutes:

- 30 July: John motioned to accept; Bob seconded. Unanimous vote. (Still has to be signed and returned to Town Clerk.)
- 17 September: Rick motioned to accept; John seconded. Unanimous vote.

Reports:

Eliza Johnston, of ICF International gave a PowerPoint presentation about the criteria necessary to be eligible for Green Communities designation. Sitting in was Kelly Brown from DOER.

For Criteria 1 & 2, Eliza stated that we were in good shape and that town counsel could begin to make a draft letter attesting that the Town has adequately fulfilled these criteria. For Criterion 1 (As-of-Right-Siting), Laurie's "Built-Out Analysis" should be sufficient to prove that the Town has adequate space to accommodate an alternative/renewable energy facility (a minimum of 50,000 square feet is necessary to satisfy this requirement), and for Criterion 2 (Expedited Permitting), she urged caution that the Town's local regulations should not preclude an applicant's ability to obtain all necessary local permits for an alternative/renewable energy facility within one year of submission (e.g. local wetlands bylaw).

For Criteria 3 (Energy Baseline & 20% Energy reduction Plan), Eliza stated that implementation of the lighting retrofit project at the Elmwood & Shaw Schools in 2009 should yield a reduction in energy consumption that can be reflected in the Plan.

A discussion of street lights ensued. Kelly explained that town-owned/maintained lights should be included as part of the inventory whereas National Grid owned/maintained lights should be excluded from the inventory as the Town has less influence over the technology used.

Kelly explained that 15% of the energy reduction must be measurable savings whereas the remaining 5% can constitute behavioral changes. Once complete, the plan will have to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee.

For Criteria 4 (Fuel Efficient Vehicles), although the Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy has been written and adopted, the Town still has to adopt a Vehicle Replacement Plan. Eliza suggested that we should update and adopt language from other similar plans and that we should state that when we *do* replace vehicles, it will be with *fuel-efficient* vehicles.

Eliza explained that Green Communities grant money can be used to offset the shortfall between the cost of purchasing new fuel-efficient vehicles and the money that the Town can get from auctioning off old cruisers. The Committee decided to assign this task to Brian Stowell since he wrote and advocated for the Policy.

Finally, for Criteria 5 (The Stretch Code), Bob will arrange for a HERS rater to address builders and interested townspeople in late January- way before the Town Meeting now slated for June. This is because both Laurie and Eliza have a very short timeline of December, January, and February in which to accomplish the above goals.

Old Business:

Clean Choice Award Grant

- a) Re: the status of equipment installation, Jim still has to discuss this with Rick's science people beginning with Mrs. Graves. He hopes to have the solar components in place by the end of December.
- b) Jim will take care of the status report to Martha Broad due on 1-11-11.
- c) Rick Bedard reported that the Sylvania LED is still up in the Jr.-Sr. High School parking lot, but that he is having reservations about the retrofits and will look into them further

d) Laurie reported that the Wind Feasibility Study is due by 21 December and that she had been told by the project manager at Weston & Sampson that, thus far, there are no fatal flaws. Once the report has been received, a presentation will be scheduled with the Board of Selectmen, Butler Farm Reuse Committee, and Energy Advisory Committee. After the presentation, the parties will decide whether to proceed to the next step- erection of the Met Tower.

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M. Jim motioned to adjourn. John seconded. Unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21 December 2010 @ 8:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Anderson

ATTEST:
