

Minutes
Energy Advisory Committee
Date: 11 December 2009

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

Absent: George D'Auteuil, Brian Stowell

Call to Order: 8:40 A.M

Acceptance of Past Minutes: Bob motioned to accept the minutes of the 13 November meeting. Rick seconded. Unanimous vote.

Chair's Minute:

Reports: Bob reported that he had submitted the MA Technology application for matching funds. If there are any problems, he will be notified. However, he felt we should get the matching funds.

Old Business:

New Business:

Bob and Laurie explained the five criteria necessary for Millbury to become a Green Community. Beginning in 2008, there is a great deal of federal money available for green energy initiatives that could help the town pay for the wind turbine, solar panels etc.

Some of the five criteria are already in place and just require "rounding up" and documentation; some entail Town Meeting approval like making a companion to the present building code; others involve developing a policy.

Bob has already started entering town buildings into the Energy Star Portfolio Manager.

The Committee agreed that it should come up with a plan to reduce the town's energy use by 20% over the next five years: that, even if the town didn't get the grant to become a Green Community, money would be saved.

