

Minutes

Energy Advisory Committee

Date: 21 December 2010

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

Absent: Brian Stowell

Call to Order: 8:40 AM

Acceptance of Past Minutes: Will be approved at the 7 January 2011 meeting.

Reports: Green Communities Planning Assistance Grant

- 1) Status of Attorney's letter to verify completion of #'s 1 & 2: The data must be correct (e.g. heating fuel, gas) in order for the plan to be correct. Rick volunteered to check the data Laurie has found.
 - Criteria 1. We're in good shape. We have to prove that the by-right and the room to accommodate new developments is sufficient. Millbury has a huge amount of developable land (11%), room for one-story buildings, and amounts of floor area to satisfy the requirement of Criteria 1.
 - Criteria 2. Requires that we prove that local regulations will allow the above development. Laurie has sent the documents to Eliza to satisfy this requirement.
- 2) Status of Fuel Efficient Vehicle Replacement Plan (Brian Stowell, given by Laurie)
 - All of the vehicles will be replaced within the next twelve years, and we have to demonstrate, on a yearly basis, what has been done in this regard. A clause should be added that the town mechanic will determine when and if it's practicable (or impractical) to comply with MA safety inspections.

3) Update on Stretch Code (Bob Blackman)

- Bob feels that the performance-based part of the code is the most difficult component because new homes must pass the test, and no one can answer what happens if they fail.
- A suggestion was put forth for a regional workshop with Millbury, Sutton and Douglas. It will be held on a Thursday night at the end of January/the beginning of February in the high school auditorium, and a HERS rater will be there as well as interested contractors. Rick and Bob will look into dates, times, and publicity.

New Business:

- 1) Jim, Bob, and Rick volunteered to coordinate tasks to complete the Green Communities Planning Assistance Grant during Laurie's future absence.
- 2) Laurie is still awaiting an auditory analysis on the Butler wind farm project, but things are still looking good with no fatal flaws.

Adjournment: 9:35 AM. Jim motioned to adjourn. Bob seconded. Unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: Friday 7 January 2011 at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Anderson

ATTEST:
