

**Minutes of New Castle Energy Committee Meeting Date 7/29/2008
7:00 pm**

Location: Yellow House at Wentworth

Comments to Agenda are in Italics

Introductions for all ----- 10 minutes

Members called to attend: **Attendees in italics = 11**

S. Bisset (Chair), Jim Rini, Ansel Braseth, David Borden, Nancy Borden
Brad Meade, Peter Rice, *Jim Zuckerman, Leonard Seagren*, Stuart Hume, Brad Greeley,
David Mcardle, Norm & Angie Houle, Mike & Norma Geanoulis, *Rebecca* & Jeff
Reilley, Carter Berton, Gordon Hand, George Almgren, *Wally Mallett*, Bill Cronin,
Sam Page

Town officials sent agenda: Lorn Buxton, Peter Gamster, Gene Doherty, Beth Hume,

Agenda: First Meeting 7/29/2008

1) Review Motion of New Castle Town Selectmen creating an Energy Committee

S. Bisset, J. Rini, and A. Braseth ----- 10 minutes

“Move the creation of an Energy Committee pursuant to Article VIII of the 2007 Warrant. The objective of the Committee will be recommendations to save energy and reduce emissions through changes to building design and renovation procurement landscape, water, waste, transportation and productivity. Every distinct Committee initiative must generate cash financial returns that exceed the cost of the recommendation. The Committee will complete the study and issue the recommendations prior to April 30, 2009”.

Discussion: It was asked that the town officials give a more definitive timeframe for the payback, i.e. 3, 5, 10 years? There was a question as to whether NC would be interested in saving energy, and or saving \$, and are we going to look at our carbon footprint? Are we looking to be energy efficient with energy reduction or are we concerned with just the \$?

2) Identify Cost Saving Potential for New Castle , Review current energy use and costs

Conduct inventory of all energy uses and review all buildings, heating oil use, propane use, electricity etc.

Audit conducted by Lamprey Brothers July 1, Report anticipated

Develop recommendations for weatherization for Town Hall and timing.

S. Bisset, Ansel B, Brad Meade, ----- 10 minutes

Discussion: Reviewed the Draft Lamprey Brothers report of the buildings, there were many questions on the proposed items and the paybacks etc. After discussion with Lamprey Brothers on 7/30, Lamprey Brothers is updating the report and will have this back to us by 7/31 or 8/1. They have additional recommendations as well as payback

information. The NC energy Committee will be reviewing the LB recommendations and will come up with a final report for the Town by the first week of September or as per the Town selectman schedule.

Also, Sandra spoke with Gene Doherty today and they will be including the NC Energy Committee in their review of the energy requirements for the renovations/new area of the Fire Building/Police Department.

3) Review State and Local Energy Resources and Actions; impact on town and Residents. The available weatherization programs within Rockingham County.

David Borden ----- 15 minutes

Discussion: Conservation of fossil fuel use is the key and houses use about 40% of family energy. Free fuel assistance program is \$ mm statewide with a focus on weatherization. 3,500 people eligible in Rockingham county and only enough funds available for 50. \$ 80 million more may be available in December form RGGI auction proceeds. Rockingham County Community Action (RCCA) has a reputable thermal audit program available to all homeowners for \$450 for a 2,400 SF home. 603-436-3896. In the future, the state is setting up a very large revolving fund as the weatherization needs statewide are roughly \$12 billion dollars.*

4) Actions for the New Castle Energy Committee -----All 15 minutes

Alternate chair(s) *no new alternate surfaced at this time*
and Scribe *David Borden and Sandra Bisset*

Sub task teams – Establish team leads and identify current situation, improvement plan and Renewable energy potential

Building(s) weatherization program : *David Mcardle team lead , with Jim Rini, Ansel Braseth, Wally Mallett others ? Jim to look at use of Fire Department thermal reader. Tour of town hall 7/30 completed. Team will review buildings and energy use costs) and make recommendations to the town by middle of September.*

Electricity: *Sandra as lead, with Jim Zuckerman others?*

Transportation: *Nancy Borden as lead, others?*

Water: *focus on this will be come at a later date.*

Recycling: *Sandra as lead, with Sam Page, others?*

Long range strategy for renewable energy in New Castle: *Jim Zuckerman as lead with David Mcardle, others?*

Other Teams discussed to be added later: *Education*

The teams are in their start-up phase and the teams will need more people and additional support. Please review the teams and decide where you would like to participate. We would like your input on these important community matters.

Scheduled meetings: When? For example: 3rd Wednesday of the month?

We agreed that one meeting per month would be adequate for now.

6) Next Meeting Date: *April 27th, 2008,*

Location to be determined