



Renewable Energy Committee
August 2, 2011 - Minutes

Chair Mary Jane Curran called the August 2, 2011 meeting of the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee to order at 4:01PM in the Skaket Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall.

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Present: Mary Jane Curran, Victor Noerdlinger, Jim Hungerford, David Hubbard.

Absent: Chris Galazzi, John Jannell, Conservation Dept.; Sims McGrath, BOS liaison; Paul Rooker, Finance Committee liaison.

Committee Outreach and Education - Mary Jane Curran opened meeting by announcing that Jim Hungerford has been moved up to a permanent member of the Committee. Another slot is still open and Committee members should ask friends, etc. to see if someone may be interested. Dick Philbrick was not going to attend tonight.

Jim H. has contacted Liz Smith of the Council On Aging (COA) about an article in the COA newsletter. She would welcome an article and needs it by August 8 to be in the September/October newsletter. Next newsletter will out on August 25, 2011. Jim has the size requirements, etc.

The Alternative Energy event is planned for Wednesday, September 28 in the Crane Room at the Snow Library. Mary Jane C. is working with Chris Powicki (CIRENEW) to line up a number of vendors to be present: small wind turbine, solar panels, solar hot water, and possibly geo-thermal. Tentatively planning on having tables in the back of the room for display of informational materials. After Labor Day a push for publicity for the event will be made. Possible avenues are flyers to post around town, town website, and maybe on the public access channel of TV.

Mary Jane reminded the Committee that a display needs to be installed in the Snow Library display case for the month of October. We need to get photos and information together for alternative energy products with the intention of informing the public what is available for residential

installations. We will need to put the display together the last few days of September.

No new information on data from other energy surveys.

Debbie Fitton has two dates in August, which she may get together with Principal and teachers at Orleans Elementary School to discuss possible projects.

Discussion turned to dates in August and September when members are going to be away. Other Committee members will need to fill in as necessary or a meeting may be canceled. Jim Hungerford has agreed to chair the August 16th and September 6th meetings

Liz Argo was doing a review of suitable locations for solar projects around town and she is going to get list to Mary Jane. This is a list, which could be used by Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) for solar projects within the town limits.

Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners met to discuss possible locations of solar and wind projects on the watershed ensued. John Jannell spoke on the potential for a CVEC solar project in the watershed and that it is a prime location. There is cleared land and some additional land could be cleared to allow installation of the solar panels. John J. used aerial photos and ground photos to show the Commissioners the sites and how a project might be installed. John J. also covered what steps are needed to be taken for the project to move along. The project would work with CVEC. The Commissioners voted to endorse the project. The next step is a review of the CVEC "Letter of Intent" by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator John Kelly and Town Council Ford.

Many questions still need to be answered as the watershed has restrictions that prohibit most activities and actions. Comments were made that the town needs to reduce its dependency on fossil fuels and such a project is a step in that direction. Ken Rowell, ex member of the Renewable Energy Committee (REC) spoke of the Committee's interest in locating a small wind turbine in the corner of the landfill or small plot in the watershed by the landfill. More data and financial information is needed to make an informed decision.

No New Business.

No Correspondence

Minutes for the 7/19/11 meeting were approved with minor spelling corrections. Vote 4-0-0.

Adjourned at 4:55PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Hubbard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some capitalization.

David L. Hubbard