

WILLINGTON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting

March 11, 2010 @ 7:30 pm at the Willington Town Office Building

1. Call to order 7:30 pm by Chairman Ed. Present: Ed, Jim, Ralph, Mark, Norm, Pam, Carol. Absent: Christina.
2. Present to speak: none
3. Minutes approved.
4. Subcommittee reports
  - a. Energy audits: Norm says audit of Town Office building by Climate Partners nearly complete; should be ready for discussion by next meeting.  
Discussed some observations made by members during audit that could be easily remedied: broken seals around windows along stairwell near entrance; use of space heaters; conduit for cold air into building, when building not in use programmable thermostats set too high; office machines on; phantom loads.  
Discussed advisory nature of committee and ways to be sensitive to that task:  
Buildings under control of BOS: office building, Old Town Hall, Public Works. Town received \$40,000 window replacement grant. Has 4-5 mo. left to spend it.  
Is window replacement best use of \$\$\$. Could grant be modified to cover most of cost of remedial work identified by energy audit?  
Motion proposed by Norm to forward audit results to everyone when they're ready. Seconded by Ralph. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no.  
Send results to BOS and suggest special BOS meeting for walk through office building within one week of receiving audit.  
Payment of electric bills – other buildings  
Fire Dept. – gets stipend; pays own bills  
Library, schools – don't see bills. Town pays from money allocated for annual expenditures.  
1<sup>st</sup> impressions important when approaching people working in public buildings.  
Ask permission for energy audit of other buildings  
Promote public awareness of saving town money through conservation  
Jim working on visual before & after comparisons of office building electric bills.
  - b. Clean Energy Options 20% by 2010  
Discussed other clean energy options  
Proclamation needs to clearly define reasons for Willington's commitment.  
Discussed members' commitment to promoting CEO.  
Tabled decision on proclamation format while Mark & Carol continue to work on composition.
  - c. Net metering issues/large scale projects  
Net metering under discussion at DPUC
  - d. Public relations  
Current Horizon's article commended. Next Horizon's article to deal with energy options & home energy audits.  
Post similar info on EAC website.
5. Correspondence/emails -none
6. Website link - none
7. Public forums - none

8. General discussion of ideas, new goals, etc./other -none
9. Adjourn 8:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Springer