

# Energy Advisory Committee (EAC)

Meeting Minutes 01/07/2010

**Present:** Christina Mailhos, Ed Taiman, Mr. Norman Nadeau, Pam Wheeler, Mark Peczuh, Carol Springer.

Election of officers by unanimous votes:

Chairman: Ed Taiman

Vice Chairman: Norman Nadeau

Secretary: Carol Springer

Meeting times: Monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30 PM.

Meeting Venues will rotate to various town buildings to allow committee to “walk through” and identify energy conservation needs.

## Discussion to identify goals.

- Conservation: Reduce energy consumption in public buildings and by public vehicles, to decrease energy costs and increased efficiency. Examples: closure of Old Town Hall x 3 winter months saves \$800 fuel costs; town vehicles often leave engines running when idle.
  - Use quality replacements
  - Minimize climate change discussion to avoid distraction from application of practical measures.
- Long term large scale projects.
  - Town will get energy from renewable sources that will pay for cost of investment long-term.
    - Discussion about types: wind, solar, geo-thermal, micro-hydro.
  - Discussion about the current prejudice against multiple metered accounts and the refund for energy production after each building has achieved “net zero” - balanced it’s energy usage with it’s energy generation. Goal – apply “net zero” to all town buildings.
  - Discussion about grants: Steep, EPA, CEO
- Energy audits of town buildings will be first step, with audits spread over time to:
  1. Avoid overwhelming people & resources
  2. allow time for remedial actions
  3. keep public attention focused on process long-term

- Alignment with Clean Energy Options “20% by 2010” program. May be too time consuming. Financially assists towns with audit and public relations.
- Public relations.
  - Make a big deal about conservation and reduction process so government efforts become a model for citizens.
  - Demonstrate that success supports more success.

#### Formation of sub-committees

- Audit/ conservation – Mr. Norman Nadeau.
- Advocacy / PR – Christina Mailhos
- Large Scale/ long range projects – Ed Taiman
- 20% by 2010 – Mark Peczuh

#### Discussion about dividing goals into

Phase one – immediate/ short term

Phase two – long range.

#### Sub-committee tasks

Audit/ conservation – schedule energy audit of Town Hall asap –  
Christina and Norman will collaborate on process.

Advocacy/ PR - Pam will write article for Horizons

Christina will find out about creating a web page for Energy Advisory Com on town website.

Large Scale/ long range – Ed will check with DPUC about multiple “net zero” accounts.

20% by 2010 – Mark and Carol will work on promoting CEO through schools.

#### Miscellaneous –

Create 20% by 2010 Proposal to present to Board of Selectmen (and women)

Get annual fuel bill for town vehicles

Ed will write letter to Selectman to recommend Pam Wheeler for EAC.

**Next meeting** Thursday, February 4, 2010, 7:30 pm at the Town Office Building.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 – pretty good for all the ground we covered.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Springer

EAC secretary