

Energy Committee

Convened at 4:40 PM, March 29, 2010

Present: Jim Nupp, Josh Arnold, Barbara Laverick, Bob Chatel, Bob Lemaire, Nancy Hirshberg, Susan Fuller

Moved by Jim Nupp and seconded by Bob L to approve minutes of Feb 8. Approved.

Nancy announced that we received approval for the entire EECBG grant that we applied for. Thanks to all of the work that Bob Lemaire did. The grant includes energy efficiency measures at the Public Safety Building and Municipal Electric Building, an energy audit at the Pop Whalen Arena, and developing a community energy plan.

Nancy will follow up with Rob Houseman re: next steps with municipal building measures.

Nancy addressed the community education plan. The grant provides funding for technical energy experts that will help us evaluate energy efficiency and renewable options for municipal energy use and funds for hiring interns to assist with performing an inventory of Wolfeboro, residential and business energy use and transportation. The majority of the money for this portion of the grant is for hiring the team of experts, as well a forum for community input.

The grant must be completed (all monies spent) in two years. Since Bob Lemaire has done so much research on the ice arena, and already spoken with contractors who do this kind of work the committee hopes the town will seek the advice of the committee for the bids for the work on the ice arena.

Josh addressed the ICLEI report. The intern, Paul Salipante, had recommended to the town that we join ICLEI which has now morphed into Local Governments for Sustainability. This commits the town to doing a greenhouse gas inventory and developing a greenhouse gas reduction plan. Josh discussed the town membership with David Owen and offered help with developing a system to evaluate our work in the 10% reduction goal that the town had set. ICLEI has regional staff who advise municipalities on utilizing their membership in ICLEI. There is a "tool kit" from ICLEI that towns can use. Josh is unclear as to what his role would be, whether it is as an Energy Committee member or as a project for GALA. Josh said that there is a template that the town can use to reach the ICLEI milestones that can be used for grant applications for funding from other sources. Bob asked how many municipalities are also members of ICLEI. Josh feels that there are not many, a handful. Josh is interested in facilitating Wolfeboro's ICLEI involvement but he needs to explore whether he has time to consider doing this and to gauge the other departments and committees to see if there is interest from them.

The web site is ICLEIusa.org

Nancy received an email asking if the Energy Committee would like to participate in Earth Day and Earth Week events. The Know Your Non-profit night scheduled for April 20 would allow the committee to promote the committee and advertise any volunteer needs. The Earth Day Expo on April 17 will have booths highlighting committee efforts and accomplishments.. Susan will fill out the application and Nancy will put together a slide show for the lap top showing what we

have done. Jim offered to generate a poster from the presentation that Nancy is putting together for the BOS. The EECB grant includes what we have accomplished and that info can be used for the booth. Josh will show the power point at the Tuesday, April 20th, at Anderson Hall at the Know your Non-Profit event with Jim to encourage new committee members.

Barbara will let Nancy know the actual terms of committee members. Susan would like to re-up for only the rest of the year until August. This is an opportunity to recruit new committee members. Bob Chatel has agreed to serve on the committee and Steve Day has expressed possible interest in joining the committee.

Bob Lemaire described a plan in Massachusetts that creates a community solar installation using government funding.

The Fall Energy Fair needs a home. Susan suggested using Estabrook or another building at Brewster at a time when the students are not on campus. We could find a Saturday when they are not holding class. Nancy can help with sponsorship and Josh feels that the Earth Week is an opportunity to recruit volunteers to work on the Fall Energy Fair.

The next meeting will be May 17 at 6pm in the library.