

Dunbarton Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: **Jan. 16 2012**

Present: Lee Richmond, Ted Valieres, Wayne Bracy, Bob Ray, John Stevens

Meeting started at 7:07 PM .

1. Public Comment

- None

2. Minutes approval

- Approved as posted

3. Area energy committee cooperation. Messages, thoughts and requests to take to the Jan. 19th area meeting.

- Members commented that the area meetings should work toward how we and other committees can collaborate to produce an agenda and working goals. Previous meetings have focused on accomplishments of local energy committees, energy financing mechanisms and existing 501-3-c initiatives such as PAREI, SERG, EnergyActionNH (started in Canterbury) and HAREI (starting in Bedford). Another is "Transition Towns", a non-incorporated initiative begun in England with worldwide membership and a U.S. organization, focusing on building community around energy issues.

4. School Solar progress report.

- * The system continues to operate, output screens are viewable on the internet by both the school and members with password protected access.
- * The one-year grant completion form is due shortly, George Holt is working on quantifying system energy production and writing an operator manual and resolving a thermosyphon plumbing issue to get ready to turn the system over to the school.

5. Project reports.

- * Review DEC Town Report page: Approved with changes suggested by Lee.
- * Town projects: John and Ted will present a prioritized 2013 budget list to the Selectmen for energy related projects including Safety Complex and

Town Hall/Library lighting, completion of Town Office insulation and a hot water heating system for the Town Office, also a health and comfort issue.

- * School projects: John is working with the school CIC and School Board on getting quotes for Gym lighting, classroom lighting and retro-commissioning for possible inclusion in next year's budget. These would likely be articles on the School Annual Meeting Warrant.
- * Update on Master Plan Energy Chapter: As there are no present energy related plans needing this chapter, action is postponed to the next Master Plan review.

6. Community outreach, new ideas.

- * "Change the World Kids" program: John will forward the link to members.
- * Ideas on working with other town committees and boards: Transition Towns may provide a framework and organizing methods for this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM .

Next meeting: Monday, Feb. 20. at 7:00PM at the Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted: John Stevens