

Dunbarton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes, **Nov. 19, 2012**

Members Present: Jason Dubrow, Ted Vallieres, Bob Ray, Lee Richmond, Kris Hanson, Wayne Bracy, John Stevens

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM

Jason presented a show & tell on his new Prius hybrid plug-in. So far he is getting 59 mpg with a charged battery and 52 mpg long distance. Setting the charge timer to finish just before driving seems to stretch the battery powered range.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Minutes approval

Approved

3. Project reports:

Final review of topics for energy presentations by Andy Duncan.

- Members amended the survey results to move energy audit related items up the ranking. John will forward the results to Andy Duncan.

Button Up Workshop:

- Presentation resources are available on the ButtonUP website and other sites, we will be working on assembling these and gaining skills to see whether we can run similar workshops on our own.

Local residents' home energy improvements performed by DEC members:

- We need to target a market and define what will be offered for these services.
- Consensus was that it should include simple things like air sealing, window wrap, pipe insulation, duct sealing and weather strip.
- It should take the form of in-home, one-on-one coaching with residents.
- We will need to see if funding is available for materials needed.
- We would put out the word that this help is available through Town offices, churches, the Library and neighbor-to-neighbor.
- Provide a list of low income assistance programs available.
- John will contact Community Connect to see whether they might add an energy category to services offered. They charge \$20 - \$25 per hour.

Town Office insulation:

- Ted has put a remote reading thermometer in the basement to monitor for possible freeze conditions.
School solar:

School Solar panels:

- The new spring loaded anti-siphon valve has been installed and appears to be working.

School RCx heating system evaluation:

- The School Board has awarded the contract.
- A project start meeting with the contractor will take place Nov. 20 at the school.
- The contractor staff will include an engineer, a controls technician and a balancing technician.

4. Community outreach, new ideas.

Central NH Energy Committee Roundtable:

- A subcommittee has been formed to make a list of action items for the Roundtable which will be ranked and operated by appropriate people in the group.

Transitions:

- John will contact other area Transition groups to see what they are doing. It seems that the U.S. site is becoming more separated from the original British organization.

5. Publicity:

- Action items per notes above.

6. New Business:

- No new business issues raised.

Next meeting Monday, Dec. 17.

Meeting adjourned 9:21 PM

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens