

Dunbarton Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

2/15/10

Present: John Stevens, Lee Richmond, Kris Hanson, George Holt

1. **EC involvement at Dunbarton Elementary School. Kris Hanson**

Kris met again with School Principal Carol Thibaudeau. Carol introduced DEC involvement to staff, it appears that the best first involvement is in the Earth Day, Apr. 22, 2010 activities at the school. Members will research what type of exhibit we can have there. Kris will find out what the school event schedule is. Our involvement with School curriculum is limited as curriculum is state controlled, although further options may be possible. Carol's suggestion is "small steps" to begin to build excitement and involvement.

2. **EECBG grants progress and status. John Stevens**

EECBG grant applications are due Feb. 16, 2010. Four applications are being prepared for:

1. **Energy audits of the Fire/Police and Town Hall buildings, the elementary school**
2. **Energy audit of the Dunbarton Elementary School**
3. **Hot water solar panels for the school**
4. **Lighting upgrades for the Town Office building.**
5. The fifth application, for the school ice dam project, has been eliminated as the primary contractor is not Davis-Bacon fair wage act compliant, a grant requirement.

3. **EC webpage review from special meeting on 2/1 and finances. Lee Richmond & members.**

Lee will have the final graphics design with the tabs/rollovers and changes from the Feb. 1 special meeting from Sullivan Creative by Feb. 24. When received by Lee, the \$800 payment to Sullivan Creative will be authorized to be paid from the \$1000 grant award check held in the town account for this purpose. Jason Dubrow is in process of arranging the hosting.

How we might use the Town Library facilities. Discussion.

Activities will be confined to the first floor as the second floor does not yet have full public access provisions. Library floor space is limited, a conference table in its own room exists. Several ideas were suggested by members: Scheduled presentations for Q & A sessions open to the public. Exhibit table. Scheduled presentations by sponsored speakers on various subjects such as home energy savings, transportation, audits, off grid living. We need to have a list of ideas to present to Andrea Douglas to explore scheduling/availability. Please contribute suggestions by e-mail before the March meeting, although any time is good. Marketing is pivotal in this program to inform the public of events. George Holt suggested creating a residents e-mail list as is done on some other committees.

4. **Energy Committee table at Town Meeting. Date and setup.**

A table will be set up at Town Meeting on Mar. 9 to introduce the new webpage. Lee informed the Committee that it will be a beta presentation before going live shortly thereafter. Internet connection is needed for this, Stevyn Dodd has volunteered a Ethernet cable connection. (Ron Slocum has since offered to set up a wireless connection, electric power is still needed.)

5. **Review reports from NH Municipal Energy Assistance Program (NHMEAP) and NH EnergySmart Schools program and planned future actions. John**

(NHMEAP) presented its preliminary findings to the Selectmen on Jan. 28. The Town Office was selected for the walk-thru audit based on its energy use intensity and visibility in the town. There will be no investment grade audit. Final audit report and recommendations to be published mid to late Feb. John received a preliminary preview from NH EnergySmart Schools, the final report will be published when all participating NH schools have been reported. At this time, pending more complete data, the elementary school has an EnergyStar rating of 59, better than 59% of the schools reporting at this time. The heating oil use is in debate, the initial figures are based on 11970 gallons heating oil used, the actual figure appears to be over 15,000 gallons. John will pursue.

6. Report on progress and status of petition warrant article for Town and School building energy audits. John

The petitions were presented on Feb. 1 and 3 to the Town and School Board. We had 63 validated signatures on each. Thanks to Stevyn, Lee & John for the time spent at the dump getting signatures. Both articles are now on their respective warrants. Two problems encountered: The School Board needs to have a public comment special meeting on Mar. 3 as the article contains Budget \$ and the town warrant article amount was entered as \$6000 rather than \$7460 as appears on the petition and Vendor quote due to clerical error at the town. This will be adjusted by motion at the Town Meeting. John will make a list of presentation points for members to assist in presentation at the Town and School annual meetings, March 9 and 6. Member appointments will be coming up in March, the one year term members will be up for renewal. John will find out who is impacted and contact those members.

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens, Stevyn Dodd; CoChairs