

Dunbarton Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: **Feb 22, 2012**

Present: Wayne Bracy, Bob Ray, George Holt, John Stevens

Meeting started at 7:09 PM .

1. Public Comment

- None

2. Minutes approval

- Approved

3. Area energy committee cooperation.

- Ted, Bob and John attended the Transitions workshop on Feb. 18 & 19. Bob and John reported on what was learned. Transitions is a worldwide initiative which began in England and is now in 34 countries. It focuses on making communities more resilient to cope with the effects of Climate Change and Peak Oil. Members discussed the ramifications for the Dunbarton Energy Committee. The feeling was that the DEC has its own mission and should not take on a leadership role. It appears that there will be little conflict with the DEC mission as Transitions' approach is to form a founding committee composed of representatives of all relevant Town organizations. Bob, Ted and John will meet to work out these details and present at the next DEC meeting.
- The meetings coordinated by the Central NH Regional Planning Commission continue.
- Wayne and John will try to attend the next meeting of HAREI, a 501.3.c similar to PAREI that is being formed in Bedford and report back to the DEC.

4. Project reports:

- Town Office projects: Funding has been added to the proposed Town budget for a new heating system, roof vents, floor insulation and crawl space vapor barrier and possibly a lighting retrofit for the Fire/Police building. The wall and attic insulation project is complete.

- School Projects: The gym lighting and heating system RCx projects are on the School Warrant. We will proceed on implementation if the voters approve the articles.
- George will check with a plumber on adding valves to control the thermo-siphon issue on the solar panels and write a manual needed to hand over the system to the School. George also reported that it may be necessary to relocate a couple of the system sensors to improve system operation and output reporting.

5. Community outreach, new ideas.

- Members decided to hold off on joining Bedford and Goffstown on a Button-Up session.
- Members decided to not set up an Energy table at the coming elections as attendance at these has been light and we need to examine other alternatives.
- No decision was made on what the Committee should do for Earth Day. Will examine at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM .

Next meeting: Monday, Feb. 20. at 7:00PM at the town offices.

Respectfully Submitted: John Stevens