

Dunbarton Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: **March 21st, 2011**

Present: Wayne Bracey, Jason Dubrow, Kris Hanson, John Stevens

Meeting stated at 7:25 PM .

1. Feb. meeting minutes approved.
2. Public comment:
 - None
3. Grant projects status.
 - School solar panels: George Holt started the system on March 8. John presented a graph of the system operation downloaded from the system controller. A few punch list items remain: Additional bolts in the panel mounting, approval of the drainback tank drain pan plumbing, insulating pipes in the water heater room. George and John are pursuing. Waiting in final invoicing from vendor. George Holt is working with the school to set up internet connection to make the operation data visible to the 5th grade teacher and her class and remote access for monitoring and tuning the system.
 - Town Office Lighting Retrofit: Project complete. Waiting for check from grant admin. To pay vendor.
 - Energy Audits: Draft report received, comments from town & school sent to vendor for incorporation in final report; expected in early April.
4. Publicity:
 - Jason Dubrow presented traffic data from the webpage and Facebook pages. Facebook activity is outpacing the webpage but traffic on both remains light.
5. Energy audit raffle progress:
 - Continuing to explore financial aspects and organizing a public presentation meeting to acquaint residents with the benefits of energy audits.
6. Technical forum, discussions.
 - Geothermal: Town resident Brent Sowle presented data and description of his new house and geothermal system and rebates and qualifications needed for incentives.
 - John Stevens presented initial energy usage calculations on the School.s hot water recirculation system.
Energy use appears significant.
7. Identify energy projects in town.
 - Members suggested placing solicitation notice posters at the Library and Town Office asking residents to share their projects. John will follow up.
8. LEC Annual Meeting
 - The Apr. 2 Local Energy Committee Conference agenda now includes a seminar on how to engage the public and what to do in life after grants. Members are encouraged to attend, the Town will pay the registration fee. So far, John Stevens and Les Hammond plan to attend. John will report.

9. Earth science activities at school / Library

- Still trying to establish contact with students and interested parties.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM .

Next meeting: April 18th, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted: John Stevens and Kris Hanson