

ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes for March 17, 2008

Submitted by Stephanie Herlihy, Secretary

Members Present: Nate Wilson, Les Hammond, Skip Trudeau, Kris Hanson, George Hold, Matt Virta, Stephanie Herlihy

Absent: Margaret Watkins, Lindsay Herlihy, Katie McDonald

The opening discussion was regarding the World Wildlife Federation's **Earth Hour 2008**, an effort to bring the world together to fight climate change. On March 29, 2008, "from Chicago to Sydney to Tel Aviv, cities and countless individuals around the world will turn off the lights for one hour at 8pm as part of a global event created to symbolize that each one of us, working together, can make a positive impact on climate change." Individuals can make a personal pledge to reduce their own carbon footprint at www.earthhour.org "No matter where you live, this simple act delivers a powerful message about the need to find a solution to the greatest threat our planet has ever faced."

For more information about this event, you can check it out at: www.worldwildlife.org

It was suggested that local papers be made aware of the event so that the public can be educated and become involved.

George H. offered to contact the Concord Monitor and the Dunbarton Elementary School, Les H. offered to post the information on the town website, and Stephanie H. offered to contact the Goffstown News.

It was noted that the written summary, submitted by Stephanie H. to Janice VanDeBogart in December of 2007 for the Town Report, did not appear in the distributed copy of the Dunbarton Town Report. Reason unknown. Les H. will be sent a copy so that it can be posted on the town website.

The question was raised about the free town energy audit that was offered by Charlie Kothe. Numerous requests were made but unknown problems arose. George H. offered to reconnect with C. Kothe .

Earth Day was revisited. Nate W. will contact the school to see if there are any plans and how we might help. It was also noted that Earth Day falls on April 22nd which is school vacation.

Green House Tours was another topic of interest. The committee explored ideas of involving Dunbarton energy enthusiasts to possible educating the public by opening their homes to tours and explanations about the how's, whys and results of their energy-saving innovations. Nate W. offered to check out the NHSEA to see if Dunbarton tours can be added to their list.

The Committee brainstormed ideas to network amongst our Dunbarton citizens. Ideas included: Information posted at the Town Clerk's office and inserts in the tax bills (Les H. offered to investigate this possibility).

Other items discussed included cooperative recycling, wood chips for fueling community buildings, energy co-ops and wind power legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next meeting: April 21, 2008 7pm at the Town Offices