

DORSET ENERGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of July 7, 2010 Meeting (Spiral Press Conference Room)

PRESENT: Jim Hand, Doug Colson, Jim Mirenda, Jim Salsgiver, Senator Bob Hartwell, Corey Trimmer, Ellen Maloney, Rob Gaiotti

FIRE DISTRICTS:

Grant requirements are still not in hand, but are expected shortly. When that occurs, Rob Gaiotti will check with each F.D. to see what the work plan will be so that bidders can be notified. The East Dorset Prudential committee doesn't have a chair as Steve Bodenheimer has resigned. Rob will stay in touch with Jim Salsgiver regarding any developments.

NONPROFITS:

DORSET NURSING ASSOCIATION - Doug Colson reports that DNA is enthusiastic about making improvements and acknowledges that there's plenty to be done.

UCS - Jim Mirenda spoke with Paul Becker and reports that UCS has a plan to handle energy matters.

DORSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Jim Salsgiver reports that most weatherization issues were addressed during the recent renovation as Bill Calfee had been advising. He will inquire further.

WILSON HOUSE - Ellen Maloney and Jim Mirenda will meet with Bonnie Lepper.

Jim Hand proposed that all energy "analyses" for the Non-Profits be completed this next week. Corey Trimmer will look into and report back on what Efficiency Vermont is doing for nonprofits in particular.

DORSET SCHOOL:

-The School's anemometer is up! Data collection device is also set up to measure the school's solar collection capacity.

-The electronics collection fundraiser was a great success. Most of the money raised was through the disposal of CRT's.

-Jim Hand asked about the feasibility of a solar hot water system at the school. That analysis will be done, but funding would have to be from outside.

RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE

-The signage at the transfer station is still not up to date. It does not reflect the current collection categories. Jim Hand reported same to the Materials Recycling Facility in Rutland.

-Regarding Casella's contract with the town; Randy Dapron responded to the letter from the towns and BCRC that he can't have a reply or proposal ready by June 30.

-Discussed the lack of incentives in the old contract for Casella to save money for the towns or for the public to increase recycling.

-Rob will speak with John O'Keefe regarding Manchester's interest in participating in future meetings on contracts with Casella.

-Recycling of building materials came up. Perhaps the Committee could work with Chris Schmelzenbach to prepare an informational packet to be given out to applicants for building

permits. It could include information on the energy code requirements, a list of businesses which recycle building materials and the like. Doug Colson, Jim Salsgiver, Rob Gaiotti and Ellen Maloney to work on this. Town plan language from similarly situated towns should be reviewed.

THE NEXT DORSET ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 23, 2010 AT THE SPIRAL PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM AT 8:30 am. SCHEDULING CONFLICTS REQUIRE A CHANGE FROM OUR FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH NORMAL SCHEDULE.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Maloney