

DORSET ENERGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of December 6, 2010 Meeting

PRESENT: Bob Hartwell, Jim Hand, Jim Salsgiver, Ellen Maloney

1. STREET LIGHTING

We need Rob Gaiotti's input as to the status of the street lighting review project. Ellen Maloney will obtain, and pass along, a list of "Objective Criteria and Standards" that she was told about, that had been developed by the Town of Hartford for selecting which lights to maintain and which to remove.

2. FIRE DISTRICTS

We need to touch base with Rob Gaiotti on the status of both Fire House weatherization projects, and completion of Grant requirements. Ideas for publicizing the weatherization (as a part of our public education efforts) were discussed. Ellen Maloney is to contact Tony Panetta for assistance. Perhaps photos can be available for a Town Meeting booth. Efforts by the Town and the Fire Districts to address the tax equity issue were also discussed.

3. SELECTBOARD UPDATE

Energy Coordinator Jim Hand and Jim Salsgiver reported on our progress to date, and distributed a written itemized sheet of projects. With editing (by Jim Salsgiver), that sheet can be used as our piece in the 2010 Town Report, as well as for an update to our project list on the VECAN website. Jim Salsgiver will circulate for approval.

4. DORSET SCHOOL

A display on the School's anemometer and solar tracking projects will be prepared for Town Meeting. Ellen Maloney will contact Tony Panetta and Alex Bornstein to work on preparation.

5. MUNICIPAL ENERGY PLAN

Jim Hand / Jim Sullivan will circulate Jim Sullivan's initial plan to us.

6. ENERGY AMBASSADORS

Jim Hand has already contacted several businesses to inform them of Efficiency Vermont's offer for LED bulbs and updates for T-12 fluorescent fixtures at a very favorable rate. Churches and Not-for-Profits are also eligible. The offer on LED bulbs ends 12/31/10, so timing is important.

7. GREEN MORTGAGES AND PACE

Jim Salsgiver will gather any materials he can on Green Mortgages to publicize and explain for the Town Meeting display.

8. SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING

Ellen Maloney and Jim Hand reported that representatives of the consortium of Towns met to review Casella's contract offer, and later met with Randy Dapron of Casella to discuss some proposed changes. The group later sent a counterproposal. We await a response from Casella. The earlier contract has been extended to 1/1/11.

9. VECAN CONFERENCE

Ellen Maloney and Paul Myers attended. Ellen Maloney reported that \$90,000 in Grant funds have been made available through Senator Sanders' office for Energy Committees (\$1,000 to \$3,000 small grants). We will ask Paul Myers to add his observations at a future DEC Meeting.

10. SMART METERING

Bob Hartwell will check the uses for smart meters planned by CVPS.

11. ELECTRONIC WASTE

Bob Hartwell will provide information on a new Bill effective 1/1/11, banning all electronic waste from the waste stream.

12. PUBLICITY

We discussed the need to do more to publicize our work on energy issues, as well as other local projects.

The next Meeting of the Dorset Energy Committee was scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2011. It has been moved to Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 8:30 am – and will be held at the Dorset Library where we will also have a presentation on Smart Grid by Brian Keefe of CVPS.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Maloney