

DORSET ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27TH AT 2PM – DORSET TOWN OFFICES

Present: Jim Hand, Coordinator; Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager, Jim Salsgiver, Nancy Faesy, Ellen Maloney

REALTOR CONTINUING ED. PROGRAM

Jim Hand will contact Helen (last name?) at the Vermont Real Estate Board (or Association?) to get the outline of the curriculum prepared by Bob Walker. He will also get the name of the local association chair and contact persons, and try to find out what incentives or credits might be available for attending the course. Ellen will help as needed.

DORSET CHURCH

Dr. Alan Betts spoke about the Papal Encyclical, "Our Common Home". Several in the congregation signed up for a further study/ discussion group. Jim Hand suggested that the Isreal Congregation might be interested in having Alan Betts come there. It was also suggested that GMALL would invite him to speak on the Encyclical. Ellen will to pursue both suggestions.

THE DORSET SCHOOL

Jim Salsgiver reported that the school has saved over 20% on its fuel costs and over 30% on its electricity bills after taking steps to reduce energy expenses.

Jim Hand suggested that the school might put its outdoor lighting on a timer. Jim Salsgiver will pursue that idea with Derek Chalmers.

Jim Salsgiver also reported that the school has considered installation of more solar panels on its roof, but is concerned about leaving open access space, so probably will not go forward with more panels. Greg Christiansen completed a walk through at the school to assess the schools future heating needs. His response is awaited.

WILSON HOUSE

Ellen reported that Joe Soulia (Cassella) will be coming to speak at a Dorset Seniors' luncheon in February on the subjects of recycling and composting at the Wilson House. Afterwards he will work with the staff to help them adjust their systems to comply with the new law (Act 48.) Julie King, the new Wilson House director, has been very open and easy to deal with. Hopefully this will translate to energy efficiency work too.

PARK & RIDE

The Design Consultant, "Green International" of N.H. will present a plan for public comment in about 3 months.

VERMONT INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT

Nancy Faesy and Ellen attended the annual meeting in Montpelier.

VLCT

Tyler will attend the Planning and Zoning Forum tomorrow. Rob will ask him to report back to the committee.

BCRC

Jim Sullivan received an award from the Energy Action Network.

Local Regional Energy Planning and comment hearings on the Comprehensive Energy Plan have not been well

attended. Nancy would like to find a way that local participation can be increased. In particular, maps drawn up by BCRC have been completed, showing various locations suitable (and not suitable) for biomass, solar

and wind development. These can be very helpful to town planners/zoners and can provide valuable guidance for informed discussion.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

A meeting has been scheduled for a meeting on Nov. 16th at 7pm at the Manchester Town Office. It will likely cover subjects related to flood resiliency.