

Energy Steering Committee Meeting at the York Public Library

Minutes- December 15, 2011

Attendance: Wayne Boardman, Hilary Clark, Paul McGowan, Phyllis Newman, Stephen Kosacz, Ted Little, Zak Harding. Absent: Deborah McDermott and Victoria Simon. Guests: Peter Ashley. Also Elliot Friar and Abby Boisart, York High School students in Mr. Barry's Advanced Political Science class.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Wayne Boardman

- 1) The minutes of the November 17th, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 2) Alternate S. Kosacz was designated as a voting member for the meeting in place of D. McDermott.
- 3) Discussion about the leadership of the Committee. If Deborah McDermott will agree to continue as Vice Chair, then we shall make no changes in the current interim arrangement until June, 2012 when the first term of the original members will expire. (Wayne as Chair, Deborah as Vice Chair, and Phyllis as Secretary.)
- 4) Discussion about the role of ESC members in the community and as members of the Committee. We should take the charge of the ESC seriously and advocate for energy efficiency as part of our mission. Our work is advocacy for improvement and change. We should always make it clear whether we are speaking as a member of the ESC or as an individual citizen/taxpayer of the Town. We all felt that if we had been part of the Police Building discussion from the beginning, the relationship would have been more productive. In the future we should take a vote when appropriate and then communicate our ideas using the strength of a group vote.

Wayne will ask Bob Reed to send him copies (i.e. spread sheets, timelines, etc.) of whatever information he gives to the Building Committee. This will give us the information to be helpful throughout the process.

Action as result of discussion: Wayne will email Bob Reed, with copies to Rob Yandow and Tracey requesting copies of everything in order to achieve our charge.

We need to know the timeline for the Building Committee Document Design and Blueprint submission.

We also discussed the use of some of the remaining ESC funds. Paul suggested that we identify and fund an energy saving or alternative energy project at the new Police Station (example – solar hot water) to visibly demonstrate alternative energy to the community. We should develop a plan for the remaining funds that will give us the best return on our dollars.

Action: Paul will ask Mike Watson if he can come to a meeting to educate us about the Maine Advanced Building program and about some of the other Maine buildings that

have achieved MAB support. If possible we will meet with Mike Watson on either December 29th, Jan. 5th or Jan. 12. We will invite the Building Committee to join us.

4. Status of the RFP: We were told that 11 companies have requested RFPs which are due by December 20th. We will follow up with Dean Lessard about other energy efficiency projects in public works buildings and with other building managers about projects that did not receive Phase 1 funding. We also briefly discussed future committee projects such as gasoline/diesel usage and street lights. We need to work on strategies and a timeline for reducing the town carbon footprint.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 at the York Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Newman
Secretary

With edits by Wayne Boardman
Chair