

Eliot Energy Commission Special Meeting

Nov. 10, 2010 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Present: Jenny Isler, Jack Murphy, Charlie Case, Ben Brickett, Mike Eardley, Ed Heningsen

Guests: Diane Brandon, Betsy O'Donahue

Meeting called to order 6:15 pm

October minutes approved.

Due to the nature of the special meeting as a "Facilitated Brainstorming Session on Eliot's Climate Action Plan" these notes (below) from that session serve to show the range of discussion. No business was conducted at this special meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

EEC CLMATE ACTION PLAN BRAINSTORM NOTES

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1. WHY A CAP?

2. WHY ELIOT?

- Sea level town - storms more severe - safety
- Save money
- BOS endorsed Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, commitment to action

3. WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- Have a comp plan
- Have baseline inventories
- Participating in carbon challenge
- Collaborating with other town organizations
- Inventing new technology
- Awareness increasing, people asking good questions, doing stuff
- Initiating outreach to schools, other towns
- Quantitative & qualitative elements

4. COMPONENTS – WHAT DO WE INCLUDE?

Note: Numbers in () indicate dot-vote tally

- Residential
 - Municipal
 - Commercial
 - Transportation
 - Schools
 - Other
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- Water (energy use & energy production)
 - Solid waste
 - Transportation
 - Energy conservation (clotheslines, light bulbs, etc) **(3)**

- Alternate energy generation (solar, wind, biomass, geothermal, co-gen) **(4)**
- Land use (energy use & production) **(1)**
- Self sufficiency **(1)**
- Sustainability (economic, environmental) **(1)**

- Weatherization **(2)**
- New construction **(1)**
- Multi-use density / Smart growth **(2)**
- Policy- legislation- politics state & local **(2)**
- Funding sources, sustainability of **(2)**
- Short and long term perspectives **(1)**
- Safety; i.e. number of streetlights; changing needs
- Regional and national impacts & efforts (evaluation of where we are vs other towns/states)
- Goals, targets, measurements **(4)**
- Accountability
- Measures of success, benchmarks **(2)**
- Are we sticking to it? Build in evaluation **(1)**
- Recycling
- Economy, economic development, jobs
- Wetlands (conservation & use)
- People, involvement – inclusion all ages, segments **(3)**
- Social justice – costs, taking care of citizens **(1)**
- Aging population
- Ordinances
- Behavioral change: how to do it **(1)**
- Green buildings
- School curriculum
- Cultural belief systems
- Marketing **(1)**
- Continued existence and role of EEC
- Cost benefit paybacks **(1)**
- Recommendations to BOS, municipal departments, etc
- Objectives: 2 yr., 5 yr., 10 yr. plan

5. GOALS

- Climate Action Plan is part of mission
- Reduce greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide
- Optimize energy consumption & use – conservation, efficiency
- Optimize energy production
- Identify low-hanging fruit (clotheslines, etc)
- Objectives: 2 yr., 5 yr., 10 yr. plan

6. NEXT STEPS / TO DO LIST

- A. Determine purpose of CAP
- B. Determine sections of CAP
 - 1. what components are in it
 - 2. outline (or grid) of how to combine components (clustering assignment)
- C. Research as needed
 - 1. coordinate with other towns, departments
- D. Write sections (draft CAP)
- E. Finalize CAP
- F. Deliver CAP
- G. Implement
- H. Update & evaluate