

Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 8, 2010

Present: Jenny Isler, Mike Eardley, Charlie Case, Jack Murphy

Guests: Betsy O'Donahue

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:35 pm

Approved minutes from Aug 11, 2010 meeting

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
Minutes of 9/08		approved
ARRA EECBG Grant	<p>Received a check for \$8,000 for the ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) award with the remaining \$2,000 to be sent upon project completion. Jenny will summarize grant requirements and distribute to the team. Included are: 1)Reps for the grant subcommittee from Town Government and the School Community and 2) Re-engaging with the Police Dept to move forward with a detailed examination of the building.</p> <p>Jenny will speak with the Librarian again to see if the Library would like to take advantage of our grant program to complete a detailed examination of the building since the Library has the highest building heat index of all of the buildings included in the Energy Baseline.</p>	<p>Jenny will summarize and distribute grant requirements</p> <p>Jenny to contact Librarian</p>
School Participation in ARRA Grant Subcommittee	<p>HS Principal Melhorn forwarded our need for a student to join our grant subcommittee to Jeff Gardner – who will get it to the right person.</p> <p>Ben's wife will contact the Junior High in the next several weeks to see about possible participation there as well.</p>	<p>Ed to follow up with the HS</p> <p>Ben to follow up with Jr. High</p>
Report on Turbines	<p>Ben was not present for his report on turbines but he did send a draft outline via email. This final version will be included in the Climate Action Plan as part of the Alternative Energy section.</p> <p>Charlie will draft the Solar portion of the Alternative Energy section</p>	Ben and Charlie to complete
PACE	<p>The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program makes it possible for a homeowner to receive a loan for home energy savings improvements, and importantly, for that loan to be transferred from the first homeowner to a subsequent purchaser of the property. PACE is administered by Efficiency Maine and is funded by federal stimulus funds.</p>	<p>Betsy will check with the Maine Municipal Association to learn more about the program.</p> <p>Jack will contact Dan Blanchette</p>

	<p>The Eliot BOS seems to be taking the lead on this initiative and the town needs to adopt a model ordinance as a start. Dan Blanchette may try to get 4 to 5 towns together for the program. Dana Fisher from Efficiency Maine is willing to travel to our area to help with the program.</p> <p>The KEYS revolving loan fund is now stuck pending review of liability issues by the towns involved. Paul Schumacher's (York County Regional Planning Office) recent email indicated that the liability concerns will be worked out.</p>	<p>about the latest status</p>
<p>Climate Action Plan (CAP)</p>	<p>Outline and assignments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why Eliot (Mike) 2. Components-residential, commercial, municipal, transportation, schools (Jack) 3. Where are we now (Charlie) 4. Alternative Energy (Ben, Charlie) 5. Goals and Targets (Jenny) 6. Recommendations and Future Work (All) 7. Local example success stories (All) <p>Draft outlines were distributed for 1, 3, 4, &5. The Recommendations and Future Work section will take the most work to complete and it was agreed to allocated the November EEC meeting to work on the CAP as a group. Jenny will invite Barbara DiBiase from Falmouth to take part and help us with her Falmouth experience. Betsy was impressed with the Falmouth CAP and suggested that we include an Executive Summary following the Falmouth model. Jack asked if there is a state wide organization that approves CAPs and it was agreed that approval will be the BOS the Departments and the Voters.</p> <p>It was asked if the schools should be part of the CAP and it was agreed that we should include the schools. Charlie commented that the Schools Facilities Manager (Joe Stone) had indicated that it would be easier for him if both MSAD35 towns could coordinate their recommendations for energy efficiency improvements. Also reported that he had sent Joe a copy of the DEP booklet on Energy Savings Opportunities for Schools. It was suggested that we include links in the CAP to important documents available on the internet.</p> <p>It was agreed that there are good local success stories that we should include such as the Regatta (a business) and Laurel's experience (a resident). Could use Comcast Public Service channel for energy</p>	<p>All to complete drafts of assigned sections – and look for success stories</p> <p>Jenny invite Barbara DiBiase to November meeting</p> <p>Charlie send out DEP booklet on Energy Savings Opportunities for Schools</p> <p>Charlie look into incentives used in Oregon</p> <p>Jenny look at other states – also ask Barbara DiBiase</p>

	<p>publicity including live stories.</p> <p>Betsy commented that we should look at what we can do now (the positive approach) and what we can do later. Highest priority areas should be those with the greatest potential for cost savings. Also look at what will affect individuals, town, world.</p> <p>Discussion on how to motivate people to take action in energy savings. It was suggested that Town energy savings might be used as incentives. Oregon may have good examples.</p>	
Carbon Challenge (now My Energy Planning) Next Steps	<p>Kick off the Carbon Challenge at Festival Day Saturday Sept 25th. Mike will email the 50 folks (who shared their email addresses with us and are interested in saving energy) to stop by our booth and hear about Clean Air Cool Planet's "My Energy Plan" program. CACP rep A. J. Dowling will not be able to join us at the booth.</p> <p>Mike will set up an EEC email address either through the Town (preferred) or some alternative. Mike will also look into the possibility of setting up an EEC facebook site.</p>	<p>Mike send out email to 50 folks to visit our booth</p> <p>Mike to set up an email address for the EEC</p>
Festival Day Planning	<p>This year's focus will be on "My Energy Planning". Jenny, Mike, Ed, Charlie, Jack and Betsy plan to be at the booth for most of the day. We are at the same booth space as last year. Set up 7 AM</p> <p>Follow Up Responsibilities:</p> <p>Jenny – bring tent, card table, easel, tape, push pins, "My Energy Planning" materials, other handouts, and more copies of last year's survey.</p> <p>Mike - print "My Energy Planning" web shots, send out email, and print EEC cards</p> <p>Ed - bring easels</p> <p>Betsy – poster board and markers</p> <p>Jack – refreshments</p> <p>Charlie – blow up of energy baseline, copies of energy baseline, US Dept of Energy "Energy Saver's booklet, copies of Laurel's "10 ways to save \$100 this year", the EEC sign, a stapler, a Kill a Watt</p> <p>Ben – set up turbine and instruct Charlie in process at end of the day to return turbine</p>	See Festival Day follow up responsibilities

Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link for Inventory not on EEC website • Eliot Building Comm. interested in our participation & input. Steve Beckert (ch) has asked for our input on building needs by Oct 15th. Building Committee to do walkthrough of all Town buildings. Jenny to contact Steve for EEC to participate. • Jack mapping streetlights and has list from CMP.. Large energy and cost expense to the town. Need to determine criteria for placement and need. Need CMP lease info. 	<p>Jenny f/u w/ Wendy R.</p> <p>Jenny contact Steve</p> <p>Jack will speak with Chief Short</p>

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM