

EEC Minutes February 8, 2012

Call to Order 7 PM

Present: Charlie Case, Ed Henningsen, Mike Eardley and Ben Brickett

Notes:

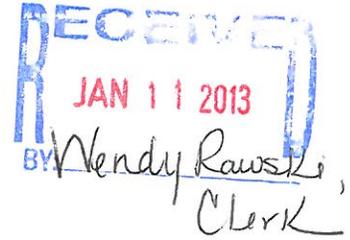
1. The January 2012 EEC meeting was cancelled so there are no minutes for approval.
2. Mike Eardley will resign from the EEC after this meeting due to time constraints. Mike has been an invaluable resource and contributor and we will miss him.

Business/Reports

- A. Minutes from July 2011 through December 2011 were approved
- B. We agreed to try a new earlier time for EEC meetings: 4:30 to 6:00 PM starting with the March meeting. The change will make it easier for some members to attend.
- C. Presentation of Inventory Results to BOS Feb 9 – Charlie and Monique will present three year municipal energy usage results, trends and opportunities to the BOS tomorrow. We will highlight the town's first weatherization project for the Town Hall. It cost approximately \$20,000 and resulted in a 30% heating oil savings and a 21% electricity savings.
- D. EECBG Grant Closeout – We have provided Efficiency Maine with everything they have requested to close out the grant so that we can receive the remaining \$2,000 payment. This includes a comprehensive report, an invoice, a federal Central Contractor Registration, a schedule extension request, and a detailed accounting of expenses and matching town contributions. Hopefully we will report next month that the final \$2,000 is in hand so that we can fund audits of Public Works buildings.
- E. Town Building Energy Reduction and Additional Audits – Ed reported that he will complete a proposal tomorrow for further energy reduction at both the Town Hall and the Fire Station. He will be ready to present it to the BOS tomorrow. We hope that the BOS will decide to go ahead using the Facilities Reserve Fund.
- F. Re Look at Prioritization of EEC Efforts – This re look was needed because we will have only three active members after Mike Eardley resigns. Our Marshwood intern will continue to provide substantial support.

Charlie will coordinate EEC activities including reports and requests to the BOS & the Administrative Assistant, and will support other Town Committees as needed. He will also coordinate completion of the Climate Action Plan and our more limited community outreach programs.

Ed will continue to coordinate energy reduction efforts for municipal buildings. He will be the EEC contact with Randy Stewart (MSAD 35 Business Manager), and is the Town representative on the SEI Steering Committee.



Ben will coordinate alternative energy possibilities for the Town such as solar and wind power. Ben's beta test of the prototype VFG wind turbines are working well and will likely be part of our alternate energy proposals. Ben will visit a residential solar installation with Charlie and may invite a solar expert to join us at a future meeting.

Monique will continue to collect all energy data for both municipal and MSAD 35 energy usage and will work with Charlie on analysis of the data.

Unfortunately the EEC will not be able to support the planned Carbon Challenge at the Marshwood HS Science Department. It is hoped that the Carbon Challenge can be supported in the future as we add new members.

G. Climate Action Plan Update – A draft has been distributed including inputs received from EEC members over the past year. It is expected that the Plan will be completed by the end of FY12 in June.

New Business – Ed reported that the ARRA funded SEI program, which provides low interest loans for energy improvements, has had very limited participation so far. The dilemma now is that the money that will stay in the program past October 2012 must be loaned before that – or it must be returned to the Federal Government. To increase participation, the SEI Steering Committee has made loan terms and interest rates more favorable and has asked all of the participating towns to actively advertise the program.

Adjourn – 8:00 PM

Approved Jan 9, 2013
Charles A. Case