

Minutes from EEC May 11, 2011 Meeting

A. Called to order at 7:00 PM; adjourned 7:30 PM. Jack, Ed, and Charlie were present. Guest was Monique Lillis (Marshwood intern). We postponed approval of March and April minutes since we did not have a quorum.

B. Monique reported on the Carbon Challenge at Marshwood. Three teachers have started with a small number of students participating. Mr. Gardner and one student have offered to attend our June meeting and give us status, observations and suggestions. We told Monique to invite them. Monique had one observation - that in the future we have a knowledgeable person present the program to classes to improve the level of participation. School is out June 17th.

C. Charlie has given Monique the information she needs to complete the FY10 GHG inventory and she will have it for us at the June meeting.

D. Climate Action Plan discussion was postponed to the June meeting. Ed has distributed bullets for his section on Sustainable Municipal Building Practices. Jack shared a letter he has written to Unitil on official looking letterhead asking them to attend a meeting with us to discuss the possibility of extending natural gas pipelines into Eliot for businesses and residents.

E. PACE - Charlie will email Dan Blanchette and ask if he would like assistance from the EEC at the PACE Public Hearing which must be held prior to Town Meeting on June 18th. We don't know if Dan has scheduled it yet. Ed reported that the 500K revolving loan program details are getting set with an interest rate varying from 3% to 7% depending on the duration of the loan. The 3% rate is intended to accelerate payback so that the loan fund can be replenished more quickly.

F. Jack has located a potential beta site for a wind turbine on property owned by Arthur Bartlett. The site is "Third Hill" and is unobstructed from all directions. Jack will get Ben and Arthur in contact. Arthur also owns a potential water power site which has a dam and up to a 30 foot drop.

New Business - Charlie has received materials to reserve a booth space at Eliot Festival day and will send it in.