

EEC Minutes Oct 12,2011

Call to Order 6:35 PM

Present: Charlie Case, Ed Henningsen, Mike Eardley

A. Approval of July, August and Sept minutes postponed due to lack of a quorum

B. Supporting the Green Sneakers Event Oct 22, 2011: Members present agreed that we can't volunteer time to help coordinate the program due to existing time commitments for the EEC. It was noted that the EEC already provides information for residents at Festival Day, the Town Hall, voting days and the library. Charlie will contact Diane Brandon about her possible involvement.

C. Festival Day Report: We had a successful Festival Day. Overall I think there were fewer people at the Festival this year - maybe because of the forecast for rain? Ben helped for most of the day and brought his functional VFG which started turning in very light winds. There was a lot of interest in the VFG which helped bring visitors to our booth. David Ramsey (reporter for the Portsmouth Herald) stopped by. He is the first recipient of an SEI loan, and he got a PACE loan as well. He is doing extensive energy improvements on his house and will be writing articles about his experience. His first article was over a week ago on securing the loans. John Sullivan (part time at the highway dept) explained that the increase in electricity usage at the Highway Dept Garage is likely due to the extensive amount of welding to repair equipment and trucks. One example is the low mileage truck they bought and modified to haul the 40 yard dumpsters to Waste Management in Rochester (vs Waste Management doing it). First month's savings estimated at over \$3,000 in haulage fees. We found two possible new EEC members - Jud Pitman, and either Nina Jensen or her husband Christopher Smith. Nina and Christopher live in a passive solar house and use about one cord of wood for heat. They are looking for more ways to reduce energy use.

D. EEC Membership Reach Out: Mike will contact the four people who have expressed some interest about joining the EEC and will invite them to our November meeting. The four people are Steve McHenry (an architect), James Petersen (Petersen Engineering), Jud Pitman, and either Nina Jensen or her husband Christopher Smith.

E. Town Building Energy Reduction – Next Steps: Ed will speak with Dan Blanchette about implementing some further energy improvements identified in March 2011 for the Town Hall. The full list is estimated at \$32,414. Ed will also contact Chief Short about further energy improvements he may want to make this year including limiting use of the generator heater.

F. Climate Action Plan Outline and Next Steps:

CAP Outline

Introduction

Eliot Commitment to CO2 Reduction

The Eliot Comprehensive Plan

Target reductions

Government Involvement

Human Behavior and Education

Communications

Economics

GHG Inventory

GHG Management and Measurement

Energy Conservation and Mitigation Strategies

Prioritization

Loan programs to incentivize commercial and residential action

Land Management

Multi use density/smart growth

Next Steps

Conclusion

Tentative assignments are: Jack Murphy – Government Involvement, Charlie – Human Behavior and Education, Mike – Communications, Ben – Economics, Ed – Loan programs to incentivize commercial and residential action, Jenny Isler – Land Management and Multi use density/smart growth. Mike will contact Jack, Ben and Jenny. Mike, Ed and Charlie agreed to write their portion before the next meeting. Mike reported that we already have material for most of the other sections.

G. Final Report for 10K EECBG Grant submitted: Charlie reported that Efficiency Maine has requested additional information before they can send us the remaining \$2,000 of the grant. Charlie will follow up.

H. 2011/2012 Carbon Challenge follow up: Mike will contact Jeff Gardner (Marshwood HS faculty contact) about a planning meeting in early November, and Charlie will contact Clean Air Cool Planet to identify our new contact person for this year.

I. Inventory Status: Postponed to the November meeting

J. Other: Mike suggested that we consider sending our EECBG final report to other interested parties. For example, an article about our efforts might be very helpful for the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association. Charlie will check with Dan Blanchette to see if there are limitations on distribution.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM