

EEC Meeting Minutes 07-13-11

Call to order 6:35 PM

Present: Ed Henningsen, Charlie Case, Mike Eardley, Vaughn Smith, Ben Brickett

Guests: Jack Murphy (BOS), Monique Lillis (Marshwood Intern)

1. Charlie Case was elected the new chair of the EEC replacing Jenny Isler who decided not to renew her membership on the EEC.
2. Membership discussion: Since current membership now stands at 5 with the loss of Jenny and Jack Murphy (elected to the BOS), we discussed ways to recruit two new members. Mike will send out an email to our list of interested supporters plus the members of the Building Committee (since a close relationship with the Building Committee would be helpful). Charlie will ask Wendy to put a notice on the Town web site indicating that we have two openings.
3. EECBG \$10,000 Grant: We have completed the work we agreed to do and our agreed on completion date was June 30. A large part of the work was done as volunteer labor. Charlie will do a rough draft of our final report and send it to members for comment. Efficiency Maine will send us the remaining \$2,000 when our report is accepted. We have spent \$6,194 so far from the grant, an additional \$1,606 is committed, and we plan to spend the remainder supporting energy reduction efforts for town buildings.
4. Charlie has asked the Town to roll over \$625 unspent from FY 11 to FY 12. Charlie will follow up with Dan Blanchette. Our budget for FY 12 is \$2,500.
5. Carbon Challenge: Our Challenge now has 27 basic users who come to the home page of the Personal Energy Planner and have entered enough household data to calculate their carbon footprint; and 20 basic users who have selected at least one action to take to reduce their carbon footprint. This will be a discussion for our August meeting to prepare for an October kickoff in the schools.
6. Ed is working with Chief Short to develop an improved design for cooling and heating the Police Station. We voted to hire our auditor Jim Monaghan again to assist at a figure not to exceed \$800. Ed will follow up. Once a recommended design is complete, our intention is to meet with the Building Committee to get their comments before proceeding to meet with the BOS.
7. PACE Loan Program: It was voted at the Town Meeting to adopt the PACE ordinance which will allow residential property owners in Eliot to apply for low interest loans through Efficiency Maine for energy improvements. The next step is for the Town to set up an administrative agreement with Efficiency Maine. Charlie will follow up with Dan Blanchette to see if he would like our help.
8. SEI Loan Program: Six Towns which collaborated on this energy efficiency loan program were awarded \$500,000 from Efficiency Maine under EECBG to administer a low interest rotating loan program. The Goggin Company from Portland will administer the program and South Berwick will be

the lead Town. Other Towns in the collaborative are: Kittery, Eliot, North Berwick, Ogunquit and York. This program should be rolled out in the next several weeks.

9. Report on GHG Inventory Status: Monique reported that she has all information she needs for the FY10 inventory. Mike Eardley agreed to work with her on a summary report for the BOS. Monique has already started collecting data for the FY11 inventory.

10. We agreed to continue our efforts on the Climate Action Plan, Comprehensive Plan compliance, and “reach out “programs for residents including – Festival Day, Articles, and information distribution. Charlie agreed to reserve a space for Festival Day. We voted to spend up to \$500 for printing additional handout information and Charlie will follow up on that.

11. Ben reported that he visited “Third Hill” as a potential beta site for his wind turbine. While the site is excellent and is unobstructed in all directions, cost for a tower and a CMP electric line make this option expensive. Ben already has a beta site at his home and Tom Allen from the Kittery Point Yacht Yard (Eliot) is considering a site on the river as well.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM