

**Dummerston Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes — 14 October 2010**

Attending: Bob Sherwood, Diana Lischer-Goodband, Chris Derby, Alex Wilson
Absent: Suzanne Weinberg, Bill Conley
Convened 6:15 pm

NOTES

1. Reviewed agenda.

2. Approved meeting notes from 9/13 meeting.

Moved to approve by Alex, seconded by Diana; adopted unanimously.

3. Building permit fee issue – Sam

Changes to the Energy policies and action steps in the Town Plan were reviewed.

Sam printed out “proposed” and “adopted” versions of policies and action steps.

It was agreed that the elimination of language about sliding-scale building permit fees doesn’t preclude us from pursuing that idea.

Chris explained that he wants to have the measure deal with absolute energy consumption, not energy efficiency. This would make it harder for really large houses to avoid the higher building permit fee. Chris is still pursuing the idea.

We need to figure out how a new fee would be used.

Alex explained how a energy-use fee in Aspen, CO works.

4. Compendium of Best Practices: Sharing Local and State Successes in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy from the United States – Diana

Diana shared the TOC of an ACORE (American Council On Renewable Energy) report with committee. Bob to post most relevant portions of report on DEC website.

5. Status of PACE -- Bob and Sam

Discussion

Diana noted that she had once gotten a loan for improvements to a historic house in Rockingham – she will look into that.

Perhaps that could be a different model for providing energy-improvement loans.

6. Website – Bob

Everything we talked about last time is now up: idling, bridge lighting, PACE.

7. No-idling signs

Chris has not ordered no-idling signs yet.

Alex looking into different source of signs.

8. Wood stove – Sam

Pursuing Quadra-Fire wood stove.

Selectboard won’t let that money be used for anything else.

Chris suggested we pursue combustion-air supply as part of the installation.

Difficult to get air supply to stove.

9. Open-meeting training.

Diana will report on when the training meeting will be held.

10. Discuss meeting with DCC — Two Questions posed by Bill Conley

What kinds of CONSERVATION can the two committees combine forces on?

Where do energy conservation and resource conservation intersect?

Move to adjourn: Chris moved, Alex seconded; unanimously approved; Meeting adjourned 6:50.

[Meeting with Dummerston Conservation Commission]