



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council Chambers – 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **June 28, 2007**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Members in attendance: Eric Steltzer (Chair), Dona Layton, Eric Kelsey, Brett Pasinella.

Also in attendance: Mike Joyal (Committee Staff Advisor & Dover City Manager).

Eric Steltzer reported on progress with ICLEI:

1. He received registration materials and sent them to Mike Joyal
2. Dover is now a member (awaiting Web site password)
3. The \$600 membership fee is per annum.
4. The adoption of the ICLEI resolution will need to be considered by the City Council; as it is slightly different than the Cool Cities resolution that Dover has already adopted.

He also raised the possibility of joining at the Stafford County Planning level. This would benefit smaller towns in the region that would not be able to join on their own.

Mike Joyal reported on the progress of the EPA intern: he has begun work and is also collected data on water and sewer usage in addition to the energy data needed by the EPA benchmarking tool.

Mike Joyal reported that 2 police cruisers will be demobilized and traded-in for 2 flex-fuel Ford Focus vehicles to be used by the city staff members with the highest fuel consumption. This is a change from repurposing the low mpg cruisers for other city uses and will conserve fuel.

Mike Joyal reported that the Energy Advisory committee Web site is on-line and running and asked committee members to send him information to place on the Web site.

The committee discussed providing input at other city meetings. The next Waterfront meeting is on Jul 17 (5:30 PM, McConnell Center); the committee would contact the chair of the waterfront commission and let him know a committee member would be speaking in the public portion of the meeting. Also, the North End fire station is up for renovation; the committee could recommend that the design take energy efficiency into consideration.

Eric Kelsey discussed the concept of peak oil. In 1956, geologist M. King Hubbert predicted that oil production follows a bell-shaped curve. For continental U.S. production, he was proved correct in 1970. Current data indicate that global production has passed peak or will soon approach peak. Although, this means that only ½ of the total amount of oil has been used, the decreasing supply will likely cause many problems as the price increases over time, particularly in the areas of food production and transportation. Fortunately, many of the policies that will help mitigate the problem coincide with the actions required to avert major climatic change.

Motion made to adjourn. (Eric Kelsey, 2nd by Brett Pasinella). Passed U/A

Meeting adjourned 7:15 PM.