



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall Auditorium – 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Monday, October 26, 2008**
Meeting Time: **6:30 pm**

Present: Eric Steltzer, Shannon Hill, Chris Parker, Dona Layton, Andrew Most, Elizabeth Goldman, Tom Fargo.

Meeting began at 6:654 pm

1. Eric presented information on a volunteer opportunity through the Stay Warm NH program, a state program to assist low-income households with winterizing their homes. Two volunteer dates were offered: November 15 or November 22. Eric proposed to be a crew leader of DEAC volunteers; both Andrew and Shannon suggested recruiting for additional teams from local businesses. Shannon proposed DEAC's working one half-day each weekend; Andrew proposed working Sunday instead of Saturday—November 16 and 23. The group was agreeable to both proposals. The Stay Warm NH program needs to hear from volunteers by November 7.
2. Johnson Controls, the ESCO hired by the city, is two-thirds of the way through its energy audit and would like to be on the DEAC agenda in December. The committee agreed to hear their presentation at the December meeting.
3. The Dover School Board declined participation in the ESCO audit but recently passed a capital measure of \$6 million to renovate the Home Street School. School Board members have been in touch with Eric about choosing an architect and working toward some form of LEED certification. The committee expressed willingness to consult with the School Board.
4. The initial design standards for the Cochecho Waterfront development "encourages" building toward LEED certification; Eric reported that Councilor Dean Trefethen proposed include LEED standards in the legal agreement with the development. DEAC agreed to stay active in ongoing deliberations.
5. To lower energy costs, the City Council voted to reduce the number of street lights illuminated in Dover and asked DEAC for input on which lights to eliminate. Committee members raised a number of questions concerning bulb efficiency, time-of-use, safety issues, and metering. Chris Parker noted the questions to take to the entity responsible for managing the lights. Doug Steele will attend the November DEAC meeting to discuss streetlighting.
6. The issue of electing a chair arose; Shannon nominated Eric and Liz seconded the motion. Eric was chosen unanimously.
7. This was followed by discussion about having a vice chair. Decisions about a vice chair were tabled for the time being, to be revisited if the need for a vice chair arises.
8. The committee decided to have a rotating secretaryship.
9. Andrew made a proposal to develop a Web site for the DEAC, which was received enthusiastically.
10. Discussion about plans for the committee ensued. Shannon raised the possibility of a city-wide energy coop. Eric described a "no idling" campaign that is getting traction elsewhere in the state. Liz proposed that the committee also take into consideration the action plan put forward in the report the DEAC made to the City Council in April 2008. Eric noted that nhenergy.org is a wiki with access to action plans from different New Hampshire communities. Discussion of the action plan was placed on the agenda for the November meeting.
11. Chris relayed a request by RAH Modern Energy to present to the committee on the prospect of establishing a wind turbine in Dover. Given the issues already placed on the November and December agendas, the committee agreed to hear RAH Modern Energy's presentation in January 2009.
12. The next meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on November 18 in the second floor conference room in City Hall.



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13. Adjournment (7:30)

a. Motion: Liz Goldman

Second: Shannon Hill UA

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