



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall 2nd Fl Conference Rm – 288 Central Ave, Dover,
NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, January 20, 2009**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

PRESENT: Elizabeth Godlman, Chair Eric Steltzer, Shannon Hill, Chris Parker, City of Dover Planning Director

Meeting began at 5:34

1. Discussed resignation of Dona Layton and beginning to recruit additional members
2. Chair, Eric Steltzer, noted that our Dover City emails are not currently working ; Chris Parker said that he would look into it on our behalf.
3. Website: Liz Goldman suggested an educational piece on the new site to educate the public on ways that they can reduce their carbon footprint and easily implement practices into their daily lives. She will research a “green book” option with the Dover Public Library. Chris Parker suggested passing out kits to interested residents that contained a series of green PDFs on a CD for them to keep while they “checked out” a KW hours measuring device that would be returned. This option would have its own page on the website.
4. John Rizzo is running a bit behind on getting the audit to the city. The DEAC feels as though it should see the audit first to be able to provide feedback, input and the ability to make suggestions to the City Council. Chair, Eric Steltzer, is to follow-up with Mr. Rizzo.
5. Johnson Controls- this allows the city to grab the low-hanging fruit and make potential significant decreases in the city’s footprint with minimal effort.

Shannon left at 5:55 p.m.; Liz began taking notes.

6. Brief discussion of policy idling issue. Chris presented the police argument that idling was necessary; Eric explained the state policy of idle 15 minutes then off 45 minutes as a way to reduce idling while maintaining power for computer and communications.
7. Eric raised the issue of designing program by which Dover residents could borrow money to make energy upgrades and replay the loan over time. Berkeley California and Boulder Colorado have both instituted such plans. Eric said there is state interest is setting up a revolving fund for this purpose. There are some (state) statutes relative to bonding and electricty; Dover counsel would need to review possibilities and necessary changes in order to effect such a move. Chris mentioned the energy conservation block grants, a federal program that currently operates with 3-4 million for energy efficiency. These moneys come from the Department of Energy and pass through the state to cities. If Dover were to instate such a program, a review agency to conduct evaluation and oversight would be necessary.
8. Final conversation covered possible books for the “green” list for the library and the idea of listing films as well as books. Titles: Ecotopia, the work of JH Kunstler, Edward Abbey, and the film Radiant City.
9. The group reaffirmed its commitment to recruit new members.
10. Adjournment (6:25)
 - a. Motion: Liz Goldman

Second: Eric Stelzer UA