



CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Conference Room, City Hall**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, March 31, 2010**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

Attending: Eric Steltzer (Chair), Shannon Rodgers, Elizabeth Goldman (Secretary)

Old Business

Updates from City:

- **EECBG Award.** The state had \$6.6 million available; 270 applications were submitted for about \$20 million in projects. Dover applied for two projects, lighting at McConnell Center and a water turbine at the sewage plant. The lighting project was funded; anticipated savings are \$15,000 per year. The water turbine project, categorized under “innovative projects,” was not funded; no innovative projects were funded. Eric summed up two lessons: 1) Although the water turbine project wasn’t funded, we can still find ways to proceed with it. 2) Efficient lighting systems should have been part of the McConnell Center re-design; this highlights a role for DEAC in pushing for energy considerations as part of any initial design work.
- **Performance Contract.** A range of improvement have been undertaken; one improvement instigated by DEAC is the installation of six new dual-flush toilets on the first floor of City Hall. Still need to follow up on maintenance contract standing.
- **CDFA Loan.** Dover is the first city in the state to participate in this loan program for energy efficient improvements; borrowing \$250,000 at competitive rates will pay for thermal improvements at the ice arena.

New Business

Planning for Spring Energy/Garden Fair. Given that only three people showed up to begin planning for the event, DEAC members opted not to attempt a fair this year. Eric proposed four other projects:

- **Interpretative Display for City Hall.** Along the lines of the Open Lands display, DEAC could showcase energy efficient ideas and actions. Perhaps link to library figures on use of “kill-a-watt” meter.
- **“Tagging” Energy Efficiencies at City Hall, Dover Public Library, and McConnell Center.** DEAC would design standard information cards to be posted at the sites of energy efficiencies realized through the performance contract. Card would identified amount of energy saved, money saved, and CO₂ reduced. Eric to check with Mike about doing a field trip of sites at next DEAC meeting
- **Presentation to Council on role of DEAC in reducing energy, updated figures on consumption in public buildings, and proposal to budget energy separately from the operating budget.** Would probably take place in August. Eric to contact Mike about getting figures; Shannon will work with figures.
- **Have a DEAC member on the committee to help select the next Superintendent of Schools to bring energy issues into the discussion (e.g., experience with school building projects, energy considerations).** This is especially relevant given the \$50 – 60 million redesign of the high school on the Horizon. Liz agreed to look into joining the committee.

Next meeting: April 13 (if field trip is feasible). Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.