

Durham Energy Committee
Monday, January 19, 2009
4:30 pm
Durham Town Council Chambers

Minutes

Members Present: Don Brautigam, Doug Clark, Kevin Gardner (chair), Nat Balch, Mike Hoffman

Members Absent: Fil Glanz, Vasiliki Partinoudi, David Cedarholm

Others Present: Dennis Meadows, Robin Mower

Minutes Taker: Don Brautigam

1. Call to Order, 4:45
2. Acceptance of minutes of January 5, 2008 meeting
3. Mike Hoffman has been approved as new DEC member
4. There was a discussion on whether the Town of Durham should send a letter to President Obama in support of the national initiative towards the creation of clean energy jobs. This is an action being supported by Environment NH. Kevin says he will draft a letter in support and circulate along with the original email calling for letter. Upon further feedback, Kevin will send a final version of letter to Town Council for review and ask them to pass.
5. Doug Clark announced that he is encouraging Kevin Carpenter to join the DEC.
6. Town website was discussed. Robin will continue to work with Luke to keep the DEC website current. Steve Brody has shown interest in helping to maintain the website as well, and his effort is welcomed.
7. Dennis Meadows suggested that a professional home energy audit is an effective first step in enhancing the energy efficiency of one's home. The discussion then proceeded as to whether the town could implement a cooperative purchase agreement with local energy audit professionals to get a reduced rate for a large number of residents.
8. Nat has agreed to draft some language regarding how to proceed with #7.
9. In relation to #7, the possibility of polling residents through the town's "Friday Updates" to see who has had experience with home energy audits – in particular, what types of recommendations have been made, to what extent have the recommendations been implemented, and how well they have paid off.
10. There was further discussion on revising the "Energy Vision" document, and Kevin is going to insert Doug's introduction into the document, and then circulate for further revision suggestions.
11. Next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2009.
12. Adjourn at 6:00