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DURHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

— MINUTES —

Members present: Kevin Gardner, Chair; Robin Mower, Town Councilor; David Cedarholm, Town Engineer; Filson Glanz; Mike Hoffman ????

Guests present: Charles Forcey, prospective member

Call to Order 7:30 PM

Approval of Agenda - modified Agenda approved

Additions to Agenda:

- * Money for budget (ask?)
- * Comment about safe biking
- * Analysis of fleet

Brief updates

A. Membership status: applications have been received from Brian Goetz and Charles Forcey

PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program

- * Roughly 70 property owners have expressed interested in participating in this program
 - * Status of Durham Initiative
 - * Promotion of the program, e.g., case studies (before, process, and after)
 - * Support for federal H.R. 5766 “to ensure that the underwriting standards of Fannie Mae and Freddie Ma facilitate the use of property assessed clean energy programs to finance the installation of renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements.”
- Suggestion to try pilot group that is prepared and can meet time limits.

*PACE for businesses ??

We need a handful of examples for the Energy Committee’s website

Local legislation initiatives

- * Revolving fund: shall we establish? (authority NH’s HB 1554 “allowing municipalities to establish energy efficiency and clean energy districts”)
- * Proposal to expand property tax exemptions for energy-efficiency initiatives (wind power and wood heating). Peter and Mike will write a piece about this!

Master Plan (postponed to later meeting due to lack of time)

Brief discussions

- Solar panel options for the town: may be a focus for a meeting in the near future

* Discussion of Town and school buildings where PV could be put. Kevin will talk to Revolution Energy and ORSD about this.

Joint meeting with Economic Development Committee?

* Tom Elliott, Chair of the EDC, had circulated to Kevin suggested topics for discussion.

Zoning ordinance (postponed to later meeting due to lack of time)

Other Business

* Peter Ingraham from Constellation NewEnergy will present to the Committee on September 20

*Revolution Energy will be consulted

IX. Next Meeting of the Committee: September 20, 2010 at 7:30 in Court House prior to joining the with Economic Development Committee at approximately 8:30pm. October 12 at 7:30 PM is scheduled to be the next meeting

X. Adjournment

Minutes taker: Filson Glanz