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DURHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE
JULY 12, 2011
DURHAM POLICE STATION, RTE. 108N
7:00PM
— MINUTES —

- I. Call to Order and acknowledge absent members
 - A. Called to Order 7:10 P.M.
 - B. Attendees:
 - i. All members present except Kevin Gardner and David Cedarholm
 - ii. Presenters: Public Service Company of NH Representatives for NHSaves.com – Jack E. Schelling, Catalina J. Celentano, Melissa Benerakis
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. All present agreed to approve minutes from June 15, 2011 meeting.
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Moved presentation by NHSaves.com to start of meeting
- IV. Presentation by NHSaves:
 - A. Four NH Utilities have accounted for over \$4 billion in savings since program started.
 - B. Jack Schelling gave an overview of programs:
 - i. Weatherization program for anyone eligible. NHSaves will pay for the audit. If you are eligible for fuel assistance then you are eligible for the weatherization.
 - ii. Co-payment program will match up to \$4,000 for various efficiency upgrades – Home performance with energy star.
 - iii. Jack pointed to numerous rebates for residential fixtures and also the business options. All of this information is available via NHSaves.com and PSHN.com.
 - iv. New construction program will pay 75% of incremental cost of any upgrade cost beyond code, except for schools. They get 100%.
 - v. Funding comes from systems benefit charges.
 - vi. Smart Start SRF program provides 0% loans for municipal facility upgrades. It is currently fully subscribed. Paid back through your electric bill.
 - vii. Training and outreach programs are also available for schools, contractors, etc.

- viii. Peter E. mentioned that it would be nice to have some of this information available for Durham Days. Jack said that they might even be able to get some CFLs to Peter and he will follow up on that.
- ix. Recycling programs for CFLs are available at participating retailers. Robin suggested that we put this information on a Friday Update.
- x. Michelle talked about the information available that provides detail about cost and energy savings for bulbs and fixtures. The EnergyStar website also includes a lot of this information.
- xi. They are willing to leave the CFL display unit for the Energy Committee to use for Durham Days and/or to be put in Town Hall.
- xii. They are also willing to come and make more presentations in Durham if the Energy Committee would like to arrange them. Peter E. is going to work on that as a follow-up.

V. **Reports on current projects**

- A. Bike route Madbury Road
 - i. Robin went over the plans for striping that is going to begin this week. Some changes will occur down to 4 feet further down the road.
 - ii. Robin also handed out a couple of copies of the Downtown circulation study.
- B. Energy inventory, including ETAP Peregrine Website Energy Audit process and data
 - i. Charles went over the program and how we are going to work on inputting energy data with Strafford Regional Planning.
 - ii. Only missing a few bills from oil heating missing and these should be forthcoming soon.
 - iii. All paperwork has been signed by Town and we should have info to Peregrine soon.
 - iv. Chris gave a bit more detail as to how this information, coupled with the audits, will help identify facilities with the most potential for energy efficiency upgrades.
- C. Revolution Energy/municipal project(s)
 - i. All of the Town facilities have been surveyed by Revolution Energy.
 - ii. The next meeting with Town and Revolution will go over their findings and recommendations.
 - iii. Robin brought up her concerns about the long-term potential with some of the newer equipment that might be used. It was suggested that performance bonds/warranties be checked closely or included in the contract to assure that the Town is covered if problems occur in the future.
- D. Master Plan
 - i. Charles went over the meeting with Strafford Regional Planner who volunteered to help with providing information and/or a review of anything the Energy Committee wants to bring forward with the Energy chapter. Michelle Owen is the contact w/Strafford and will provide assistance.

VI. **Brief discussions**

- A. Website -- article ideas and schedule for publication and launch
 - i. Charles continues to work on the website which is still in draft form.
 - ii. He said if you have things to add then members can send that information to Charles and he will put it up.
- B. Public events in the coming year: Durham Day, etc?
 - i. Peter E. is going to work on this.
- C. Solar installation inventory
 - i. Green Homes Tourist is also something that Charles is promoting w/Durham homes with energy efficiency projects.

- D. Sister city projects with energy conservation
 - i. Durham England is our sister city.
 - ii. July 8th Friday Updates provided information about our sister city.
- E. Community renewable funding update
- VII. Peter E. is going to have an August 7th solar hot water heater class.
- VIII. Next meeting date: September 13, 2011 unless otherwise determined
- IX. Adjournment
 - A. 9:05 PM

Brian Goetz, minutes taker