



Minutes

May 12, 2015

Present: Mark Mullins, Brendan Welch, Suzy Enos, Taissir Alani, Margot Fleishman, Aubrey Jaffer, Carrie Sarno
Absent: Mike McAllister, Amy Lloyd, Robert Kalantari
Minute taker: Suzy Enos

Mark presented the minutes from April and March. Brendan moved to approve. Suzy seconded. Approved 4-0-2.

Community Choice Aggregation

We asked Margot for advice on how to move forward with the CCA option. Margot suggested we need to educate the Selectmen on the process. Margot will share with the Selectmen. We should plan on an article in the March town meeting.

Mark should write a memo to the Selectmen stating the intent to present a warrant article. We should plan on outreach activities. Other local groups are willing to help advertise – Mothers Out Front, Sierra Club, and Transition Town Bedford.

Suzy made a motion to authorize the chair to write a letter to the Selectmen. Carrie seconded. Approved 6-0-0.

Vehicle Idling Policy

Margot spoke with Police Chief Borgiorno and he is open minded to options. Mark will ask at Green Communities and the Massachusetts Municipal Energy Group (MMEG) to see if any local police departments have implemented this. Margot, Taissir and Mark will set up a time to visit the Chief to discuss.

ETF Web site

Aubrey brought a list of proposed changes to the web site. Carrie will help with making a timeline of accomplishments to add to the page. Suzy sent a link to the National Grid Energy in Action site.

Aubrey will add detail about the CCA program with a link to the MAPC details. We should look at adding a graph to show energy reduction progress. ETF task force members can forward links to Aubrey for addition to the web site.



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We need to send the changes to the town administrator, they are not comfortable giving us access to update.

Other communities' web sites were mentioned as some best practices: Carlisle, Greenfield, Northampton.

Energy Policy Update

Mark would like to assign sections of the energy policy to members to update. We reviewed Margot introductory statement and provided feedback.

Guidelines for Construction and Renovation – Taissir and Carrie
Occupant Behavior – Margot and Carrie
Energy Reduction Guidelines – Mark and Suzy
Vehicle Replacement Guidelines – Brendan
Document Structure - Margot

Next Agenda Items

Energy Policy and Website agenda items will be deferred to next meeting when Carrie and Aubrey will be back.

We will look for feedback from Margot on her discussion with the Police Chief on options for reduced idling of police vehicles.

New Business

Suzy shared the results of a Comprehensive Concord Sustainability Energy Committee last month. Concord asked Tufts Engineering students to research the impact of having many Concord residents switch to heat pumps. Concord is also funding a residential rebate program for insulation.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be the third Wednesday of June. We would like to try to find a common day / week going forward.

We will talk about solar in the next meeting.

Carrie moved to close the meeting, Brendan seconded. Approved 6-0-0.