

Sandwich Energy Committee



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Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2012

7:00 pm

Human Services Building

Present: Damien, Everett, Ann, Sarah (Kevin not present)

Guests: Maggie Downey, CLC and Jim Killion

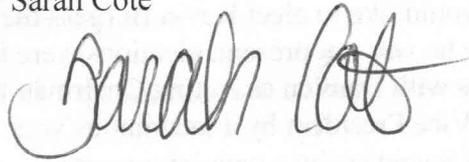
1. Welcome
2. Approval of May Minutes
  - a. Approved unanimously
  - b. Note the Committee did not have a quorum for our June meeting, so no minutes need to be approved
3. Election of Officers
  - a. All members of the Committee were sworn in over the summer
  - b. The Committee would like to elect Kevin Burgess the President of the Committee. Since he was not present, elections were held for the two remaining officers with Damien as Acting Chairman for the evening
  - c. Ann was elected Vice President by a unanimous vote
  - d. Sarah was elected Secretary by a unanimous vote
  - e. The Committee will plan on officially electing Kevin as President at our next meeting if he would like to take on the position
4. Goals for Next Year
  - a. MassInsights Update: Sarah needs to get in touch with Town Accountant to help solve the unattributed accounts. Maggie Downey offered to assist with electric accounts and Everett offered to help with gas accounts. Sarah will follow up with them and get in touch with the Town Accountant regarding oil and propane accounts, which MassInsights does not track. Sarah will also get in touch with Dick Elrick to get some advice on the system once the accounts are in place.
    - i. Everett offered to send along a previous report comparing the schools' energy use
  - b. Stretch Code: This looks like it may be the most difficult aspect of achieving Green Community Status. Forums, outreach and education are potential goals for the upcoming year.
  - c. Facebook: The Committee will continue to update the Facebook page. The Sandwich Broadside recently "Liked" the page
  - d. MIT Solar Car: Potential goal for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade

5. Cape Light Compact Update from Maggie Downey

- a. Maggie has been updating Town Energy Committees on the Cape Light Compact's 3 year plan. A copy of the presentation was given to committee members and will be circulated electronically as well.
- b. Highlights of the next 3 years include:
  - i. A \$1000 incentive for heat pump water heaters (electric) that covers almost 100% of the cost
  - ii. A large increase of \$11,676,300 to the Residential Whole House program (up from \$20,559,928 to \$32,236,228)
  - iii. An increase of \$2,601,923 to the Low Income program (up to \$10,259,281 from \$7,657,358). Mr. Killion asked about this small number in comparison to the Residential program. Maggie explained that they are mandated to allocate at least 10% of their total program budget to the Low Income program and with a total budget of \$80,506,474 this more than meets the requirement.
  - iv. The National Energy Education project will continue with a small increase in funding.
  - v. A new LED Retrofit program for Town Streetlights. To our knowledge Sandwich is participating.
  - vi. Moving forward public meetings will be held on the Cape and Vineyard.

Motion to adjourn: 8:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Cote



10.18.12

Approved by unanimous vote