

SOUTHAMPTON ENERGY COMMITTEE  
Southampton Town Hall Meeting Room  
August 27, 2009

Present: Kurt Boisjolie, Brad Brousseau, Mike Buehler, Craig Issod

Meeting called to order at 5:50 p.m.

The minutes from the August 6, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

The following old business was discussed:

1. *MMA Home Energy Seminar*  
Mr. Buehler updated the committee on the logistics and publicity plans for the September 22 Home Energy Savings Seminar.
2. *Larabee reuse and possible photovoltaic (PV) array*  
The Federal government has approved Massachusetts' EECBG program, but the DOER still has not completed the block grant application form. On a related note, Mr. Boisjolie has spoken with Alteris, who confirmed that to meet efficiency criteria some trees along Maple St. would have to come down. Apparently BRC members may be more receptive to this, as at least one tree will have to be removed for other reasons, and another was storm damaged.
3. *ESCO*  
Mr. Boisjolie distributed copies of the town energy use profile, completed in part by Diana Schindler and submitted to PVPC.
4. *Background information*
  - Mr. Issod provided an informational update on the Federal tax credit for biomass stoves (30% up to \$1500).
  - Mr. Issod also provided an update on the Massachusetts "Stretch" code for residential construction
5. *Committee vacancy*  
Mr. Boisjolie will ask Diana Schindler to post the vacancy for the Energy Committee position formerly held by John Crowley.
6. *Communication*  
Mr. Issod advocated establishing an Energy Committee blog/web site for purpose of communicating with citizens. Blog would be separate from but reciprocally linked to the Committee page on Town web site. Mr. Issod expressed willingness to create and maintain the blog/web site.

- Ms. Schindler explained that such a separate site is legal, provided it follows open meeting laws and links to Town web site.

Meetings scheduled: The next meeting has been scheduled tentatively for Thursday, September 10 at 5:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Dissolve: Meeting dissolved at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Buehler  
Secretary, Energy Committee