

Meredith Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2012

Members Present: Ken Colburn, Chair
Bill Bayard
Reed Leberman
Deborah Crosby
Nate Torr, Selectmen's Representative

Members Absent: Phil McCormack (with notice)
Mark Billings (with notice)

Staff Present: John Edgar, Community Development Director

Others Present: Clay Mitchell, SDES Group

Chairman Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The minutes of 12/8/11 were reviewed. Bill Bayard made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Deborah Crosby seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Building Energy Audits. John advised that following his most recent attempt to contact prize winners, there were two unclaimed audits. One has been provided to Justin Van Etten in return for his willingness to implement audit recommendations and to share before and after building performance and cost data with the Committee. The Committee discussed the possibility of providing the remaining audit to a resident homeowner receiving fuel assistance and willing to share the experience with the Committee. John will follow-up with the local Community Action Program (CAP) office that administers the fuel assistance program. The Committee also discussed how we might be able to assist with implementation of the audit recommendations.

Update/meeting with the Board of Selectmen. John advised that have yet to lock in on date that works for the Board and Chairman Colburn. We anticipate a workshop in late March or early April. This will be a public opportunity for the Committee to showcase its work with SDES Group and to preview the 2012 outreach activities.

Energy Handbook. Clay Mitchell met with the Committee to provide an update on the status of the web-based Energy Handbook. The latest version reviewed by the Committee can be found at the Energy Committee's wiki page at nhenergy.org. Clay noted that they are making good progress in pulling everything together and the document is taking good shape. John noted that the EECBG funding is exhausted. Clay offered that he will continue to fulfill his commitments and that future work in that regard will not be billed. Clay reviewed the work to date on the municipal portion of the Green House Gas Inventory.

Outreach Activities. Clay offered to present the Energy Handbook as one of our 2012 activities, possibly in April. Reed suggested that we consider the recommendation of Phil McCormack to get students involved in some activity. Reed offered to follow-up with PAREI to see if a "Button Up 201" presentation could be held late winter or early spring. Reed also suggested that we hold a regional outreach meeting/ open house with our neighboring LEC's. Ken will follow up with LRPC. Deb suggested a "Muddy Boots Tour" of green homes, energy conservation practices etc. Ken will pull together a summary of ideas and a possible schedule for the Committee to consider at its next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012.

Other Business. Ken advised of the audit being conducted at the Van Etten residence. Ken advised of an e-mail exchange between Brian Davis and the Greater Meredith Program re: possible hydro power at the Waukewan canal and other energy issues. Ken will distribute the e-mail to the Committee. Ken advised of an e-mail exchange with member Mark Billings. Mark will invite Bob Shaw of Moultonborough to a future meeting. Reed spoke to the need to get the activities of the Committee out in front of the public.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Bill Bayard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Deb Crosby. All voted on favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John c. Edgar, Community Development Director
February 3, 2012

Approved: February 23, 2012