

Meredith Energy Committee

April 14, 2011

Approved

Members Present

Ken Colburn Bill Bayard Reed Leberman Mark Billings

Members Absent w/notice

Phil McCormack Wendy Bagley DJ Quagliaroli
Nate Torr

Staff Present

John Edgar Angela LaBrecque

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Minutes from March 24, 2011

- Motion to approve minutes by Reed, seconded by Bill. Voted unanimously

Local Energy Solutions Conference

Attended by Reed, Bill, John & Angela

Reed: Seemed there was less enthusiasm then in the past. Attended the Biomass session where they discussed the Hanover Project and the Winnisquam Project. Thought Ian would be a good guest speaker

John: Thought the opening talk, "Local Matters" was good. Attended a session on Building Blocks of a Local Energy Plan. Also spoke about a session on "Energy Ethics" and behavioral change. Other sessions on municipal water and waste water issues and went on a biomass tour.

Bill: From a community outreach perspective, the session on "Lose the Jargon" was valuable.

Ken: Will be contacting Eric as follow up.

Grant Updates

- Institutional Audits: Still hoping IBEA will be able to present in May, but don't have confirmation yet.
- Lighting Upgrades: Still waiting on Energy Atlantic Solutions to reply.

Energy Technical Assistance Program (ETAP)

This is a building assessment program that be used on all three new municipal buildings; the Community Center, the Police Station and the Fire House.

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Meredith Energy Handbook

Clay Mitchell updated the committee on the progress on the handbook and presented for discussion a first draft of the Table of Contents.

What's Next

- Planet Forward – An energy innovation competition
- John spoke about the LRPC as a regional planning commission and the potential for municipal planning boards to benefit from a “regional think”.
- Bill spoke about a program available to “large users” where the utility pays for the audit and some upgrades.
- Group Think: There was discussion about assembling synergistic entities from the area for a discussion. Entities might include LRCC, PAREI, PSU DES and State Planning.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 PM

- Motion by Mark, seconded by Reed. Voted unanimously.

Next meeting May 12, 2011