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Green Community Task Force Minutes April 29, 2013

Present: Members: D. Blatt, J. McQuaid, N. Sullivan, E.Sund

Advisors: M. Benson

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M. The minutes from 4/3/2013 were approved.

2. Review of Town Meeting Presentation: D. Blatt suggested that a line needs to be added to the Warrant to specify the effective date to implement the Stretch Code as 6/30/14. This would give builders and residents one year to attain a building permit without any impact on their projects. The average estimated increased cost for renovations or additions is about \$1.50 per square foot. A three year Return-on-Investment is common through energy savings and federal tax incentives. The Stretch Code is close to Energy Star Rating which qualify for additional rebates. The Town will be awarded an estimated grant of \$145,000.00 once the application to become a Green Community is accepted. With an October 2013 time frame to submit the application, the Town could receive the funding prior to the implementation of the Stretch Code. Kelly Brown of the DOER said that a draft for an updated Stretch Code is in the works. A new Building Code is usually issued every 3 years.

D.Blatt reviewed the actually Power Point slides while members clarified and modified the wording to create an informative yet brief presentation.

3. Next meeting to be determined after Town Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McQuaid, Secretary