

**Green Community Task Force**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 26, 2010**

*Present:*            *Members:*        S.Marsden, P.Slattery, E. Sund, J. McQuaid  
*Town Liaison:* M. Benson, J. Londa

1. Minutes were reviewed and approved for 4/27/2010 meeting.
2. An update on the Stretch Code status was discussed. M. Benson presented a plan showing which Mass. cities and towns had adopted it. C.Zivojinovic continues to study the effect for the Committee. P. Slattery & S. Marsden related conversations with various Town and City officials who had adopted the code noting that there was nowhere near the in-depth discussion and analysis given, in many cases, as Lunenburg has done. It was also noted that none of the allocated money for being a Green Community has been distributed. The general expectation is that the Stretch Code will be proposed for adoption at a Fall Town Meeting.
3. P. Slattery advised that because of the attitude among cities & towns, that it's all about getting the money, it will be proposed and adopted by a majority of cities & towns, regardless of its practical effects.
4. J. McQuaid reported on recycling initiatives including a matching grant of \$750. Grant deadline is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Committee approved application for grant. M. Benson will write a letter.
5. J. McQuaid advised that as part of a town wide recycling program Lunenburg can use the Townsend facility.
6. It was reported that the need for Hers raters as a component of the Stretch Code may be removed by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. E. Sund gave a wind energy update. It was voted and approved to send a letter to the Town Manager requesting an amount of \$70,000 for a wind study as she previously suggested that she may be able to aid in securing funding for the necessary wind study. M. Benson to do letter to Kerry Speidel. Approval through the State is a 2-3 year process.
8. E. Sund gave a progress report on his personal wind turbine noting that it is still being fine tuned. His system stores energy in batteries and at this point it hasn't reached a level to compensate for the lack of darin on the batteries.
9. J. Londa noted That his contact with the State for Mass Energy Insight had left the Dept. and no new hire has occurred as of this time.
10. J. Londa reported on progress with the Energy Baseline project. All accounts are now entered in the Mass Energy Insight program. Department heads need to manually input data into the system as the next step. It was suggested that a letter be sent to State Rep., J. Benson relative to having Unitil assist with making account information interface more readily with software requirements as is the case with other utility companies.
11. Future meeting is scheduled 8/25/10 at 6:30PM.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Slattery, Secretary