

Green Community Task Force  
August 25, 2010, 6:30 PM  
Ritter Memorial Building  
960 Massachusetts Avenue

Minutes

**Present:** Chair Steven Marsden, Members Joanne McQuaid, Steve DiCampo, David Blatt (left at 7:15), Advisors John Londa, James Breault, Marion Benson  
**Absent:** Patrick Slattery, Carl (Ernie) Sund

**New Solar Projects:** Chair described his research for solar fields. He is working with Representative Jennifer Benson who is filing legislation so a local resident can achieve the energy credits through solar to receive pay back from the local provider. UNITIL only allows a certain percentage, which is quickly achieved by the municipalities. A meeting has been set up to discuss a Town solar field with the Town Manager. Mr. Marsden also discussed other alternative energy devices. Noted a small wind turbine, which can be set on poles, are less noisy and inexpensive. Ms. Benson to check bylaw.

**Wind Sampling Equipment:** Mr. Blatt did not give his report before he left the meeting.

**Vehicle Count:** Mr. Breault gave a report on vehicle count that is applicable under the Act. Discussion ensued on past Vehicle Rotation. It was noted if the Town becomes a Green Community under the Act, rotation of vehicles cannot be done.

**Recycling Update:** Ms. McQuaid reported on the recycling of Styrofoam. Noted the centers close by; however, she will research drop off places in Town. Postal centers will take back the "peanuts". Also noted that cardboard can now be picked up curb side. Discussion ensued on the recycling of florescent light bulbs. Mr. Londa said they could be part of the annual electronic drive. Resolution is needed on how to obtain and use containers. Ms. McQuaid is to talk to Waste Management and research other avenues. Publicity was also discussed to get the "word" out to the general public, e.g. television, newspaper, web site.

**Solar Roofing:** Mr. Londa explained the solar panels on the Middle School and showed a sketch on the locations. Cost is approx 7.5 cents per kilowatt. A slight problem with the paperwork is being corrected.

**Green Community Action Plan:** General consensus that there needed to be clarification. VHB has contacted Ms. Benson and will call to set a date for discussion. Tasked for review: Chapters 1 & 2 - Ms. Benson, Chapter 3 - Mr. Londa, Chapter 4 - Mr. Breault, Chapter 5 - Mr. DiCampo.

**General Discussion:** Status of Stretch Code in relation to new Building Code and Energy Code.

**Next Meeting:** September 14, 2010, 6:30 PM, Ritter Building

**Adjournment:** Motion, Mr. DiCampo, Second, Ms. McQuaid, Motion passed, adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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