

Minutes of the Town of Great Barrington Energy Committee
October 6, 2010

The meeting came to order at 6 PM.

Members in attendance: Alana Chernila, Nancy Rogers, Christopher Vlcek, Beth Moser, Diego Gutierrez, Brandee Nelson

After introductions the Town Manager indicated the first order of business was to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

Brandee Nelson moved, seconded by Nancy Rogers to nominate Christopher Vlcek as Chairman. Motion carried 6-0.

Brandee Nelson moved, seconded by Nancy Rogers to nominate Beth Moser as Vice-Chair. Motion carried 6-0.

Christopher Vlcek moved, seconded by Alana Chernila to nominate Brandee Nelson as Secretary. Motion carried 6-0.

The Town Manager stated that Jennifer Bailly, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, would serve as the staff liaison coordinating data needed from the Town for the committee.

The Town Manager explained that the Energy Committee is an official committee of Town Government and must comply with the open meeting law requirements. Each committee member must also be sworn in by the Town Clerk and take the state mandated Conflict of Interest Law Training and provide a copy to the Town Clerk for filing.

The Town Manager reviewed the duties of the Energy Committee as adopted by the Selectmen in creating the committee.

Jennifer Bailly reviewed the Town's status pertaining to the five criteria established by the State for "Green Community" designation. She and Kevin O'Donnell walked the committee members through each criterion. There was discussion about the Town's vehicle fleet which is part of criteria four. Jennifer Bailly mentioned that, to the best of her knowledge, only 3 Town vehicles are not part of the State exemption criteria. She stated she would need to discuss this further with Lauren Gaherty of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to get further clarification on "exempt" vehicles. The most difficult criteria will be adoption of the stretch code at the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2011. By achieving Green Community designation, the Town will be eligible for State grant funding in energy conservation.

The Town has recently completed various energy audits, through an application to the Department of Energy Resources, and Jennifer Bailly reviewed the status of these audits. Lighting work has been completed in several of the Town buildings through a National

Grid's Small Business Energy Efficiency Program. Brandee Nelson felt, as did the other committee members, it would be helpful to have a list of Town owned facilities. Jennifer Bailly stated she had that information readily available and would create a document to be reviewed at the next meeting.

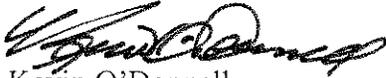
CET and BRPC are working with the Town on "Green Community" designation. It was suggested that the Town publicize the actions taken thus far in the area of energy conservation it has undertaken. Nancy Rogers offered to help with the media.

It was suggested a separate section on the Town's website be devoted to the Energy Committee activities.

It was felt the representatives from CET (Nancy Nylen) and BRPC (Lauren Gaherty) should be contacted to present the "green community" data to the committee. Jennifer Bailly stated that she would set this up for the next meeting. The next meeting date was set for November 10, 2010 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall. The committee members felt major emphasis should be placed upon marketing the value of adoption of the stretch code for the Annual Town Meeting in May 2011 as a high priority.

Brandee Nelson moved, seconded by Alana Chernila to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.
Time 7:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin O'Donnell