

**MINUTES**

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2011**

**5:30 P.M.**

**GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

**334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230**

I. Call to Order. Present – Chris Vlcek, Diego Guitierrez, Jenn Bailly, Brandee Nelson, Beth Moser. Move to open Brandee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Diego, unanimous. Absent: Nick Stanton, Alana Chernila. Meeting Started at 5:35 pm.

II. Review and Approve Minutes of Meeting 1/20/11 Beth moved, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

III. Green Communities & Stretch Code

- a. review of select board & special town meetings - how it went – Chris briefed board on status, no comments from the Town Board, Sean asked as to when the Stretch Code would go on Warrant. Select Board will place meeting on the Warrant. Language for Warrant will be circulated to Committee by Jenn.

Beth reported that the handing out of informational brochures at 2/9 Special Town Meeting went well overall. People were interested. She started with 500 brochures and gave out 100-150.

- b. info event planning - date & strategy – Chris reported that Alana spoke with Laura Dubester – Stockbridge has an ad hoc committee which doesn't have the formality of Great Barrington's committee. Chris spoke with Lauren at Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Great Barrington will set up meetings as we need. Set up at Library tentatively 3/29 or 3/31 at 6:30 pm. Diego will confirm on date. Nancy Nysten and Chuck McNeil will present on Stretch Code. Chris will confirm dates with Center for Ecological Technology and confirm date with Diego. Call contractors and realtors to inform them. Meeting will be open to public and consist of a technical overview/information on the stretch code with Q&A (question and answer) session.

Beth will prepare an introductory letter to editor on stretch code and introducing the informational brochure. She will contact David Scribner at Record and Trevor Jones at the Eagle.

Outreach to the Town will possibly consist of a connectcty call to community regarding timeframe.

Brochures to be placed in library.

Committee members will be in attendance.

Should Ed May participate? Is trained and understands code is changing.

Chris will talk to Kevin and Ed ahead of meeting to see what there participation will be.

- c. stretch code talking points- Chris is going to provide fact sheet
  - i. Makes good economic sense – cash flow analysis.
  - ii. Part of green community initiative – reduced town energy consumption – mandated 20% decrease.
  - iii. Environmental/Community benefit.
  - iv. Other technical points.

Projects that might be impacted by Stretch Code passage – Brandee to contact Planner. Chris to speak with Alana about other projects and/or contacts. Nancy will speak to Tim Geller.

Acronym: HERS = Home Energy Rating Score

d. ideas for website, implementation – waiting for Nick. Other ideas – resources, stretch code, town of Great Barrington green pictures , Department of Energy Resources (DOER) information – specific to green communities and stretch code. Beth concerned that info we provide is neutral and reaches a broad audience.

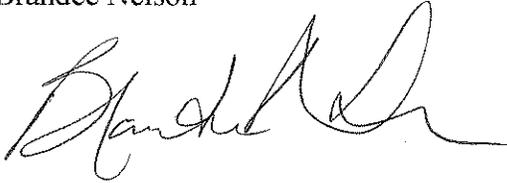
- IV. Green Barrington Funds – How and what to do with them – Beth reported that Green Barrington account has \$1,116.42; spent \$190+tax. Committee cannot have own account. Had to pay tax. Lauren Sartori Choices: 1) donate money to town with a notation 2) Keep account Green Barrington has – if this route then cannot get additional funds. Brandee moved to donate funds in Green Barrington to Town consistent with Lauren Sartori’s recommendation, for use on behalf of Energy Committee activities– Motion withdrawn. Brandee will talk to Lauren to find out particulars on. Move to create a webpage subcommittee Diego, Nancy, Brandee to create ideas and implement content for green page on Town webpage page. Diego moved, Beth 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous.

Note: Quikprint donated paper for brochure. Brandee to send a thank you letter.

- V. Next Meeting Date- Possible Agenda Items. March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Media contacts and outreach. Review letter to Ed. Review fact sheet. Confirm date on Stretch Code meeting.
- VI. Adjournment. Moved to adjourn: Nancy, Brandee 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandee Nelson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brandee Nelson", written in dark ink.