

9-9-08

Green Energy Committee
Minutes
September 9, 2008

Chairman Brian Spires called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Attendee's

Brian Spires
Stephen J. Sechovicz
Pine duBois
Mark Beaton
James Moran

Guests Lyndsey Wilson, Thorndike Development; Kara Brewton, Thorndike Development; Amy Barrard, MTC Project Director; George Dearn, Acting Director Renewable Energy Trust, Gene Wyatt.

Amy Barard stated they need clear cut support from Board of Selectmen for MTC to move forward with second grant offering.

Brian Spires mentioned we need financial help to move forward with some of the technical data. Action step recommended by Mark Beaton, ZBA should be the first step; they are the granting authority for Wind Turbines.

Mark asked Amy if they could do some research regarding mechanical failure of Wind Turbines, a concern proposed by the Sewer Commission. She seemed ok with the request.

Discussion by Brian and Lyndsey about Davis property in combination with Town of Kingston property as possible alternative site or additional site.

Consensus was to move forward with site at the Transfer Station, but keep communication open regarding Davis property. Davis property would require Town Meeting vote for Overlay District Zoning.

American Wind Energy Alliance is a good source of Wind Turbine information according to Amy.

Brian asked Amy if money might be available for mailing of community outreach information.

Asked if Sound Engineer and ICLEI Consultants would be available for ZBA Hearing.

Motion made by Pine duBois, seconded by Stephen Sechovicz, to send a letter to Sewer Commission addressing their concerns and asking for their support for a Wind Turbine. The motion passed unanimously.

Assigned questions to various GEC members to be ready to consolidate & respond by next GEC meeting.

Noted by Mark and confirmed by George & Amy that we don't have to hook up to the Sewer Plant but could hook up to the Transfer Station as a way to cover potential connection requirements.

Amy & George said the exact details of the Green Communities Act have not been formalized but felt confident the details would probably work with our endeavor to bring a clean renewable energy source to Kingston.

Ask Tom Bott and Paul Armstrong about steps to get turbine built at proposed site. Brian will follow up.

Motion by Mark Beaton, seconded by Stephen Sechovicz, to accept the minutes from August 12, 2008 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Stephen Sechovicz, seconded by Pine duBois, to send letter to Town Administrator Kevin Donovan regarding fuel use. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim will get information from Amy regarding Falmouth bid on their wind turbine.

Pine duBois moved and James Moran seconded to accept the minutes of August 12, 2008 as submitted. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote, Stephen Sechovicz left prior to the vote.

Motion by Mark Beaton, seconded by Pine duBois to adjourn at 9:48 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Beaton
Clerk for the Night

