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Huntington Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 @ 5:30 pm

Town Office (Downstairs) – Huntington Center

Attendance: Dan Stoddard, Diane Reynolds, & Ross Ogilvie

5:30 *Call to Order & Agenda Review / Proposed Changes*

- The meeting started on time at 5:30.

5:35 *Approval of Minutes*

- The committee approved last month's meeting minutes

5:35 *Public Comment – 5 minutes*

- Dan Stoddard mentioned that during the first pass through the Select Board budget review process for HECs \$1500 request was approved.

5:40 *Plans, Schedules, and Demo for: – 10 minutes*

a) *Trading Dryers for close lines*

- Discussion Postponed

b) *Living in Huntington without a car.*

- Diane Reynolds will finish the study and get it ready for posting to the HEC web site

c) *Heating Fuel Comparison spreadsheet*

- Ross Ogilvie did a quick demo and mentioned this spreadsheet is ready to go and will send the spreadsheet to Nancy Stoddard to add to the HEC web site

d) *Huntington Temperature spreadsheet*

- Ross Ogilvie also did a quick demo of this spreadsheet. Dan and Diane agreed this is interesting and should be made available to the public. This spreadsheet is still in development and will go through several iterations and reviews before posting.

5:50 *Suncommon Presentation, – 10 minutes*

a) *What did we do right? Anything we could have done better?*

- Everyone agreed the turnout was great

b) *What is our measure of success?*

- Turnout is a good initial measure of success.
- Another measure is how many people filled out the Suncommon request forms. Ross will follow up with Maggie Twitchell-Wood to get a count of people that filled this out.

- Ultimate measure for this presentation will be how many people install solar and/or heat pumps. Ross will again follow up with Maggie to see if we can get any info on this as people install green devices.
- This also led to a discussion about how we get a list of current solar installations and heat pumps currently in use in the community... perhaps request this information from attendees at subsequent presentations

c) How and when do we celebrate our Suncommon Presentation success?

- Diane Reynolds said the celebration should be simply advertising our success to the public... perhaps at town meeting.

6:00 Review Grant Proposal – 10 minutes

- Diane Reynolds handed out copies of the grant application to the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund for \$1000 she is working on. This application has been given to the fund managers for an initial review.

6:10 Budget Discussion – 20 minutes

a) Logo (Who do we contact for this? How to proceed?)

- Dan Stoddard suggested we talk to local artists to see if there is any interest in developing a logo for HEC. John Hadden, Heidi Racht, and Kacy Chicoine were some initial artist names that came up. Ross will contact John & Heidi and Dan Stoddard will contact Kacy to see if there is any interest in working with HEC to develop a logo.
- Diane Reynolds suggested we should use the words in our charter to describe what our logo should convey pictorially. Dan suggested perhaps the logo should have Camels Hump in the background.

b) Banner (Who do we contact for this? How to proceed?)

- Discussion tabled for future discussion.

c) Advertising (What type of advertising? How Much?)

- Discussion tabled for future discussion.

6:30 Next Project Discussion – 20 minutes

a) Group Net Metering presentation?

- Community Solar Arrays (CSAs) is what SunCommon calls their group net metering. This is of significant interest in Huntington as many people have shaded sites that have been rejected by solar companies including SunCommon. Committee members agreed we should target a presentation in the January–February timeframe.

b) Solar Presentation?

- This was presented at the 11/17/14 workshop and will probably continue in a CSA discussion

c) Button up workshop?

- Plan to have this next Summer or Fall

d) *Solar on town buildings?*

- Discussion tabled for future discussion.

e) *Others?*

- None

6:50 *Other/New Business – 5 minutes*

- None

6:55 *Wrap-up – 5 minutes*

- Ross will Invite Maggie Twitchell-Wood of SunCommon to the next HEC meeting on 12/16/14 to discuss CSAs in Huntington and perhaps having another presentation in January or February.

7:00 *Adjourn*

- Diane Reynolds made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Dan Stoddard and the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED: December 20, 2014