

First Selectman's Energy Management Team Meeting Minutes

Date: 5-19-09	Call to order: 9:22 a.m. by Savageau
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Attendance (X if present):

Committee Members

- Alex Hillman
- David Kratovil
- Louisa Stone
- Ron Lalli
- Elizabeth Linck
- Alan Monelli
- Amy Siebert
- Joan Sullivan
- Tony Byrne
- Richard Calcavecchio
- Denise Savageau
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Others present:

Peter Tesei

Minutes – Consensus to accept minutes of 4/28/09 as presented.

Reports

Savageau thanked the committee members for their patience for starting the meeting late. She was at the Glenville School Building Committee (GSBC) meeting for the energy grant which was still being discussed.

Energy Efficiency Block Grant – Savageau reported on the GSBC meeting. Although there were some concerns about how the grant would be received, it appeared the grant would be approved. The cost of the PV system was estimated to be more than the \$627,500 of the grant so all of the money would be needed. No funds from EEGB would be available for a consultant as previously discussed. Tony Byrne joined the meeting and confirmed that the grant had been approved. He also indicated that other funds may be available for the project from other stimulus monies directed to schools for “green” initiatives.

Electricity baseline – With EEGB committed to Glenville School, discussion ensued about baseline and developing a database. Electricity alone includes 248 meters and associated monthly bills. Data base should be for all utilities: electric, natural gas, oil, water, etc. Lalli and Monelli discussed complexity of setting up the database and the ongoing need for operation of the system to keep up with monthly billing. Consensus

that even though this will be a big job, it should be pursued. Other grant opportunities should be explored and models for other databases should also be researched.

Hybrid Rollout – Lalli reported that the state had accepted the Town’s request for 8 more hybrids. 5 hybrids in 2009 budget and 8 hybrids planned for 2010. By August, the Town will have 8 of the 13 on board. Stone suggested we need to do some PR on this. Lalli indicated that as part of the grant, this was required. August was determined to be a good time when we have 8 hybrids on line.

Building Committee Membership Policy – Kratovil reviewed current status of building committees. Most building committees are for school projects. They are not required for town projects although one could be established. The First Selectman appoints the school building committees so any policy would be a recommendation for him. Byrne indicated that having someone on the school building committees with expertise in Green building and LEED certification would be beneficial. Policy to present to the First Selectman will be developed for the next meeting.

American Made Policy – discussion continued on information provided previously by Stone. This discussion mainly came out of discussion of purchase of hybrids from American companies only. Key points raised include American owned versus American made, American components, global economy, and owners versus stockholders. Policy will be developed for consideration at next meeting.

New Business

Savageau presented info on “power purchase agreements”. Some towns in CT including West Hartford and Plainville have entered into such contracts. The US Dept of Energy (DOE) is hosting a webcast on May 27 titled “Third Party Financing and Power Purchase Agreements for Public Sector PV Projects.” Sullivan agreed to look into the program.

Savageau also reported on the 2010 campaign. The Clean Energy Fund is holding 2 PV cells for Greenwich as long as it intends to make good on its commitment as a Clean Energy Community. Savageau and Sullivan will review.

Assignments

1. Savageau/Byrne to meet on energy grant first week in June.
2. Hillman will look for grant opportunities for baseline/database development including the Energy Efficiency Competitive Grant program.
3. Savageau will look for models from other communities for database.
4. Sullivan will contact CT communities involved in the power purchase agreements.
5. Hillman will also look at OPM grants
6. Kratovil will draft appointment policy for building committees
7. Stone will draft purchase policy for American made

Next Meeting Date: 6/23/2009 – Cone Rm	Adjourned at: 10:40 a.m.
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