

Tamworth Volunteer Energy Committee

Draft Minutes of Aug. 6, 2008

Attending: Donna Veilleux, Sam Sayers, Michelle Cleveland, Lee and Peg Custer

Not Present: Cathy Mersfelder, Cimbria Badenhausen

Called to Order at 7 p.m.

1. Time for public comment: no visitors; Bun Nickerson still interested but was not present; Need to call personally the other person who signed up as interested. Peg offered to do this getting phone # from Sam, who holds the newsprint.
2. Draft Minutes of July were moved and accepted with change: Bailey to Brindley. Discussed getting minutes to Leah and BOS Office.
3. No new members today.
4. Review of Family Day and Chocorua Day: Both went well; talk moved to Hazardous Waste Day/disposal of CFL's. Discussed (Fairpoint) PSNH dropping trees and disposal of that wood with distribution point for those in need; J. Gotjen talked with Donna about public transportation and the PSNH cutting ; Discussed Tamworth/Madison BOS getting together to work on this. Need to collaborate with government. Contract is with (Fairpoint) PSNH so talking with Aspundth not necessary; Issues: get wood released, get delivered to people. Some Energy Committee members will volunteer to much of the physical work.

Discuss the upcoming Transfer Station display, Sept. 25th.? Disposal of CFL's now available at Home Depot, Indian Mound, True Value. Suggested we get some empty tubes to display and show people how to dispose of long tubes. Sam and Michelle will be at Transfer Station (dump).

We were notified our grant money came in July 2 and received it on August 18, 2008 was with BOS. We received \$1500. Need to be prepared to write up report of its use. Protocol: Standard form to give back to Selectmen.

Submit any bills to Donna. Bring receipts to Committee meeting for committee approval then Donna will take receipts to BOS and get check sent from there.

Going to buy with grant: 2 meter/monitors @ \$200+S/Hz; 6 books "Low Carbon Diet"; CFL bulbs 200 or 13 wattage; After investigating cost will purchase 2 DVD's (Peg will also find and purchase the DVD's and review Kilowatt Hours, by Jeff Barrie--one 34 min. other 60 minutes); 1 ream of recycled copy paper for BOS office copier.

Reimburse Michelle and other committee members for their NEGEF grant expenses.

7. Grant date: 2nd one due by Sept. 15, 2008; this grant will point to our working with youth. Michelle has found over 20 sites that have resources for us to examine. Lee will talk to Brett principal about no idling signs; use of DVD (if it is any good) project for youths; want to engage schools, not tell them what to do, but be helpful in getting projects and ed started. Will work with schools within town for now. Maybe Kennett later.

Wandered into discussion of new board members: Peg will call Paul Chant to find someone from school board, himself, or other.

Donna will inform/invite Chairs of PB, BOS, TCC and Master Plan to the Governor's Task Force Climate Change Meeting on August 26 in Conway. Members of this committee plan on attending.

8. NEGEF Retreat- Will use some of our grant money to send at least 2 people Oct. 10-11. Cost needs to be investigated. Donna

9 Idling Signs: DV going to BOS to ask them to endorse putting up signs one sign up at Katie's Store another at Transfer Station. We will need more signs. Need to contact Regional manager of Post Offices to get permission, not individual PO's.

Suggested we chat with town clerk to hand out Idling info when people register cars.

10. Sub committees: Cimbria, Education: will work with youth area, Nominations attached to grant request; all of Board responsible for

recruiting. Need to go to PTO and ask. Donna will make the personal contact with person who signed up at our Fair Day.

11. Donna V. Spoke with Parker about Town House: all up and down stairs fixtures/lights OK. Middle floor is proving more difficult. Lee said PSNH data on electric usage is fouled up and may have numbers reversed. We want PSNH to change lights in town, do we pay for them? This is one question to address; question if # of lights now lit is excessive; Eliminate and reduce wattage. Direct light flow down.

12. Lee introduced article about Residential Turbines and the system MIT is working on to store electricity.

13. New business/old business: Crept into discussions already: Election Day want to distribute light bulbs and information on use and clean up;

Peg announced her resignation as Secretary of Committee: after discussion Sam agreed to take on the role with Michelle's help. Motion made to accept Peg's resignation/accepted; Sam nominated as new Secretary/ moved, seconded and voted up on affirmative.

Next Meeting set for August 27th at 7pm (this was done by consensus via email after originally setting Sept. 3rd which did not work out for Donna.)

Michelle will send out Grant info for us to review

14. No public comments

Adjourned at 9:15pm

Submitted by The Rev. Peg Custer, TVEC Sec.

August 8, 2008

