

Energy Task Force (ETF)

The charge of the Task Force will be to explore and evaluate renewable energy to supplement or replace conventional energy to benefit town facilities, infrastructure and operations; to evaluate renewable and conventional energy applications, options and costs with a goal to reduce the town's energy consumption and costs; to identify attractive and feasible projects; to advise and assist the town in development and implementation of a local action plan for climate change; and to report to the Town Manager, for presentation to the Select Board, your findings and recommendations for funding and implementation.

Minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2008

Members present: John Hoagland, Dean Kavanagh, Dick Kmetz and Roger Wojcik

Members Absent: Jerry Nolet and Paul Santaniello

In the Gallery: No one

Old Business:

Status of the work to define a demo solar powered security lighting system for Glenbrook.

The Task Force reviewed the draft of the proposal to install a 10 kilowatt solar/PV array on the roof of Glenbrook Middle School and approved it for issue. The plan is to brief the Select Board on this proposal at their earliest opportunity.

Status of the work to define a solar heating system for the high school pool.

The Task Force reviewed the draft of the report on the *Assessment of the Opportunity and Suitability to Install Solar Thermal Panels for the Purpose of Offsetting the Heating Cost for the Longmeadow High School Swimming Pool*. It agreed that this report should be completed by including the estimated cost of implementing the recommended course of action.

Status of the work to define a project for reducing the cost of street lighting for the town.

The contract for George Woodbury to make a detailed analysis of the existing street lighting system in town remains stuck in the system.

New Business:

The Task Force began discussion on its revised charge, namely to advise and assist the town in the development and implementation of a local action plan for climate change. It was agreed to continue the discussion of developing an approach to this work at the next meeting.

Dick Kmetz outlined his observations of the impact of installing insulating doors and windows in Glenbrook Middle School, a project funded over the last couple of years by the town. He also reviewed his information on the installation of

energy management systems in the middle schools, a project that town project management currently has on “hold”.

The Task Force agreed to meet next on May 14.

Minutes submitted by Roger Wojcik.