

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 June 5, 2008

Members present: Andrea Chasen, Dean Kavanagh, Dick Kmetz, Jerry Nolet and Roger Wojcik

Members Absent: John Hoagland, Paul Santaniello

In the Gallery: No one

The minutes of the meetings of May 21, 2008 were approved with corrections.

Old Business:

Jerry Nolet reported that Hal Haberman was unable to change the Select Board agenda for June 2 to allow 15 minutes for the Energy Task Force to review its proposed solar/PV project.

The Task Force discussed the issue of getting project review time with the Select Board and agreed that it would address the Board at its June 16th meeting.

The Task Force reviewed the material that Wojcik used as the "introduction" to the Energy Task Force section of the Longmeadow website and agreed to use it as a basis for its first annual report. Andrea Chasen agreed to expand this material into the status report by adding specific project cost, payback and soft justification information for each of our projects and add material about the developing local action plan for climate change.

Two approaches were discussed for preparing the town's local action plan. ... the use of ICLEI's planning software and the use of the University of California software for emissions inventory. The fee for using ICLEI's software is \$600 minimum. Handouts were provided the group showing some of the U of C's planning software. Jerry Nolet will determine whether the Recycle enterprise fund could be a source of \$\$\$ to pay for assistance in developing the local action plan. Andrea will obtain information from a Massachusetts town which has used ICLEI's software... perhaps a copy of its local action plan and comments about the utility and ease of use of ICLEI's software.

The next meeting is planned for June 19 at 4:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Roger Wojcik