

## **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 July 10, 2008

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

Members Absent: John Hoagland, Paul Santaniello

In the Gallery: Thom Martens

The minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2008 were approved.

### Old Business:

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

Thom Martens briefed the group on the status of the conversion of the town's stop lights to more efficient LED lamps, a project that was initiated last September with George Woodbury, lighting consultant. This conversion is complete. Electrical power cost savings are expected to about \$15,000 annually. Net project cost was about \$27,000.

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

Thom also briefed the group on the status of the project which seeks to reduce town street lighting costs by owning its street lights instead of renting them from WMECO. In addition to acquiring these lights from WMECO, the town would replace the inefficient lamps in the system and arrange for system maintenance at town expense. George Woodbury has completed his detailed survey of the town's street lights and proposes to use this information to assist the town in negotiating turnover terms with WMECO. Based on the experience of others, this project has the prospect of saving the town substantial money by reducing total operating costs.

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

No feedback yet from Adrian Phaneuf on a general contractor to work with the Task Force to develop a project to insulate the natatorium in the high school.

## Status Report

The Task Force reviewed Andrea's draft of its first status report. It was agreed that this report would be presented to the Select Board on July 21<sup>st</sup> and used as background for the recommendation that the Select Board support a project to install a demonstration solar/PV array on Glenbrook middle school.

### New Business

Roger Wojcik indicated that he necessarily must resign from the Task Force as he has been appointed a member of the Finance Committee. Andrea Chasen was nominated and elected chairperson to replace Roger.

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:20pm.

Minutes submitted by Roger Wojcik