

CEC July 2, 2012
DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Sam Cleaves, Linda Brayton, Sam Cleaves, John Rockwell, Jill Buchanan, John Moskal

Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved for April and May.

Green Communities: John R. explained that the City has applied and was accepted for extended implementation of the Green Communities contract. The contract has been extended until December 2013, which gives us the opportunity to repurpose the grant to meet priorities. The ESCO audit process will help us to clarify where we will spend this money with greatest impact.

ESCO: The City has not yet approved moving forward with Ameresco. Nevertheless, Ameresco has begun a preliminary energy audit to start to identify general energy priorities for the City. They are looking at all buildings with electricity and fuel sources.

Before approving the ESCO, the City wants to firm up plans to use an owner's agent. Steve Weisman from Peregrine was mentioned as a potential candidate for this work, but it is unclear where funding for his work would come from. There is a technical assistance grant for an owner's agent, but it does not include Peregrine as a potential subcontractor.

Street lights. In order to finally complete this process, we need to present a legal document to National Grid requesting ownership of the municipal streetlights. John R. will communicate with others who have drafted such documents in other communities in order to help draft one for Gloucester, and then present this to the City's attorney, Suzanne Egan, who will then finalize it and do whatever else is needed to send it on to National Grid.

West Parish School: John M. called School Building Authority to discuss. Essentially, it's premature for us to be involved since there has been no decision as to what type/scale of project (new building or renovation) this will be. We will keep abreast of progress and reconnect with the W. Parish committee at the appropriate time.

Wind. Gloucester Engineering has not filed permit to construct the turbines as of yet. Not clear when they will begin the process. Sam will send an email to Rich Kleinman to find out what the process/schedule is.

Varian's turbines are going up in September.

In response to the request by Pika energy, who contacted Candace, the committee approved inviting them to present at a future meeting for 15-20 minutes, but we

cannot offer more than that at this time. There is some skepticism among those who follow the subject that installation and replacement costs for small-scale turbines can be effective enough to make sense.

Other Items: Mattias Bowler from Next Step Living came to visit John Rockwell, and requested to present to the commission. We respectfully request that they provide their info in written format instead.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next meeting, July 24.