

Gloucester Clean Energy Commission

1/24/2012 minutes

Present: Jill Buchanan, Linda Saunders, Candace Wheeler, Linda Brayton, Tom Balf, John Moskal

Staff: John Rockwell

December 2011 minutes-Minutes accepted pending further review

No **public comments** were received.

December, 2011 Action Items and agenda items report, as given by Energy Manager John Rockwell and CEC members:

- John Rockwell will follow up on **municipal building energy reduction** use as part of the 20% reduction plan and to meet quarterly reporting requirements for DOER Green Communities. The 2009 energy use will be the baseline year for energy use and Mass Energy Insight software from DOER will be used.
- **NREL webinar** on energy efficiency: Linda Brayton has sent a link to the CEC regarding a webinar given by NREL. It is related to the type of energy behavior work that the Tendril Company does.
- **Building Retrofits**: The Green Community grant money has still not been **accessed and no work performed yet at the O'Maley School**. Some of the work was to be done in-house by Gloucester and some by BTQ consultant as an approved National Grid vendor. John Rockwell will follow up with a meeting with City CFO Jeff Towne and city staff .
- **Thermal Imaging /Residential Retrofit Program** follow up: there are no funds remaining under this program.
- **ESCO Program**: Ameresco has been selected by MAPC as its choice to serve under its regional Energy Services Management Company (ESCO) contract, saving the communities that have chosen to participate the work and expense of bidding for, screening and selecting a highly qualified vendor. The CEC voted unanimously to support an ESCO in Gloucester and to send a letter to Mayor Kirk in support of seriously considering working with Ameresco to see if entering into an Energy Services Management Plan is appropriate to help reduce long term Gloucester municipal energy costs. Ameresco is planning on meeting with Gloucester city staff in February and the CEC felt the Mayor or her staff should be directly involved. The CEC agreed that supporting the ESCO process and helping to implement a long term Energy Services Management Plan to increase efficiency, reduce costs and promote budget stability should be

- its main focus for 2012.
- Next Step Living: NSL has repeatedly contacted Linda B., who has referred them to public comment policy of CEC. They may try and schedule time at a CEC meeting.
 - **Outreach and Website:** Jill B. gave an update on the CEC blog. She has sent it up and invited 75 persons to subscribe and is asking CEC members to send her emails of those who may wish to be invited to participate- North Shore energy muni energy groups, managers and non-profits, concerned citizens. She is researching the rules regarding public access to blogs on the site. Linda Brayton reported that she has sent personal written invites to more than 50 people to check out the blog site. This **approach can help from someone's email address being used** inappropriately.

Street Lights

John R. and Linda Brayton met with George Woodbury of the Republic Company and he is interested in helping the city figure out how to acquire ownership of its street light fixtures. The CEC felt that streetlight retrofitting, once acquired, could be rolled into the ESCO management plan. There was discussion about possibly using part of the \$198,000 Green Communities grant money to help in the acquisition of the streetlights. George Woodbury could help scope the acquisition of the lights but Linda S. is working with the MAPC Energy Group and Ameresco to see if the streetlights could be rolled into the Gloucester ESCO process.

MAPC Sea Level Rise Workshop- Sam C. gave a brief overview of the 1/5/2012 workshop, presented by the MAPC North Shore Task Force. It featured work by JT Lockman, Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission Planning Director on his work with five coastal Maine communities to address sea level rise and **Sam Merrill's presentation on new software designed to help communities assess** the costs of taking actions to adapt to sea level rise.

CEC re-appointments: all CEC members expressed their desire to be re-appointed for another term.

Respectfully submitted by Sam Cleaves