

Gloucester Energy Commission
Meeting Minutes: 12/22/10

Present: Candace Wheeler, Tom Balf, Susan St. Pierre, Lynda Brayton, Jill Buchanan
Marc Devoe, Brad Parsons

November minutes accepted as submitted.

Susan reported that we have received final draft of wind feasibility study for Blackburn site. She and other city staff met with state CEC, and the conversation was very encouraging. Numbers look excellent. Follow up will include development by Boreal of a business adder; we will look at cost/benefit analysis of 3rd party ownership as compared to city ownership.

Next round for applying for construction grant is January.

Boreal will fund up to 400K, and half of that is for design. If city decides that it wants to be the owner of the turbine then we need to have design plans, and a proposal from an engineering firm before we apply for the grant.

Susan will find out if Boreal can attend our January meeting. If so, we hope to be able to come up with a recommendation after that meeting, which we can present to the City Council.

Susan also reported that Gloucester had a magnolia woods kickoff meeting with Meridian; Peter from MA CEC was there. This project will take longer because it requires a MET tower. We will do a flicker study and acoustic study as well, starting in January; the MET tower will come from another location and be installed by end of January.

Tom to follow up with John Donovan to explore whether there is any relevant information from the MET tower project that was done at the Manchester Athletic Club property.

Suzanne Egan has been speaking with the counsel at Flo Design. Basically working out agreement to get letter of intent finalized by the end of the year. They are hoping to have the letter completed by Tuesday.

Green Communities Grant: We need to submit our grant application by January 17.

Ideas for what to include in proposal:

- * Boiler replacement at Beeman: Plumbing inspector is helping to figure out cost.
- * PV at schools (coordinate with Green Repair Program- see below)
- * Also discussed using results of the energy audit that David Anderson was involved and which describes the most viable energy reduction projects for schools.
- * Possibly funding the hiring of an ESCO.
- * We agreed that we need another meeting before final plan is submitted- Susan to contact Sam to find out if there is a morning he might be available in the first week of

January to review our options and make sure we have enough information/background for a viable grant submission.

Green repair program. City Council met this week to discuss what they'd be doing with the money. We want to make sure the roofs are solar ready, whatever they decide to do.

Public Comment:

Marc Devoe- mosaic Clean Energy- works for solar integrator trains companies to design, sell and install their own systems. He will provide us feasibility studies for PV pro bono. Offers relationships with installers. Wants to see more solar because it takes a lot less time here. Also, can help keep us informed on educational grants from ARA that are available to fund these projects. Marc can get us info on costs at O'Malley, High School. He needs electric background info.

Susan will provide.

Brad Parsons, Johnson Controls: has been working with communities (Swampscott, Hamilton/Wenham) to do performance contracts to meet criteria #3 of the Green Communities Act requirements. Gives detailed audits and helps create overall energy reduction and green technology implementation plans with prioritization for included projects. Could use green communities money to hire a consultant to work with an ESCO. Going rate? Ask Salem. 10% of whatever project we do. Susan to follow up on this.

Other items: Tom will work on an outline for a strategic plan for the next meeting.

Candace and Susan will support this effort.

Towards this effort- Tom will find the state EOEA and DEP mitigation and adaptation plans for state. Take state report and tailor it to Gloucester. Tom to do this.

Also, find background info from Sam's recent presentation on Sea Level rise for the north shore, as well as Tim Greiner's old presentation.

Next Meeting: TBD