

## NOTES

### 4/5/10 DEC meeting

**Attending:** Sam, Bob, Bill, Alex, Diana, Suzanne, Jerelyn

**Guests:** none

**Absent:** Chris

### 1. Review agenda

### 2. Approval of 2/15/10 meeting minutes - Jerelyn or Suzanne

Sam moved and Bob seconded – minutes approved unanimously

NOTE: Chris has agreed to take over the signage for the anti-idling effort

### 3. Covered bridge lighting update - Alex

Lights (10 count) have arrived

June is likely for installation

Will need to look at Gable-end light to see if the brightness is a concern and Alex will let folks know the timing for this;

PR – once lights are installed; Alex to write about the lights just prior to installation in his Reformer column; Sam to contact Reformer to have reporter at ribbon cutting; Alex will contact Smokey about putting his article in the Views

### 4. Report on Town Meeting - Sam

DEC had low-key info table, not a lot of effort; important to have this presence; need a back up for an oral statement if asked for; need to prepare a couple sentences prior to next year's town meeting;

Eric Kruger made offer of lighting from BUHS gym – but we turned it down; doesn't make sense to install a technology that is no longer current

Made \$27 selling the CDs for donation (\$5 – 10); Bill will give the money to Laurie; Bob will put the MP3 links on the website

### 5. DEC website update – Bob

Link to Co-op Power is up on the website

DEC.org may become available and we are first in line for it

How to get more people on the site? Consider encouraging contribution of ENERGY TIPS with local residents' names; put reminder about website in the Views: Check out our new and improved website;

Consider including links to interesting projects in town;

Scott Farm

Straw bale house – Juliet and David

Allard Lumber – wood chip combined heat and power plant

Fiber Mark

Tom Lowell's house  
Chris Derby  
Diana's weatherization project  
Green Mountain spinnery

Alex is suggesting we meet at Scott Farm to tour the interesting things they are doing;

#### **6. No-idling signage update - Chris**

**Diana** to contact Chris and get update and will write press release for Reformer on the grant we received from Ben and Jerry's and submit contribution for Views with an image of the sign; Suzanne to make a few changes to the PDF of the sign – upper and lower case letters for heading and hyphen in “Idle-free”

#### **7. Views of Dummerston** Deadline 4/13; projected mailing 5/20

Alex to see if Smokey will submit his article  
Want to include message about DEC website  
Diana to submit something on no idling effort with photo of sign

#### **8. Fundraising brainstorm - Diane**

Need for funding energy audits for town buildings since they are the first step for getting other grant funding

**Bill** will follow up with Jim Kane on ideas for grant

Consider a DEC member liaison with school since school is biggest energy user of the town; Sam will try to attend school board meetings

Viceman offered to do a rough estimate if we give them initial figures – **Bill** to get information to Alex on square footage and oil usage, boiler types and rated capacity etc. **Alex** will contact Viceman

**Diana** will look into grants.gov to see if any federal and state level grant options

#### **9. Broader energy policies discussion - Suzanne**

Tax credits, renewed oil drilling, PACE funding, other  
Will consider this for engaging conversation over a potluck dinner;

#### **10. Next meeting**

Monday, May 3

#### **11. New business**

Next meeting we will look at DEC activity in light of action items listed in Energy chapter of Town Plan