

Dover Long Range Planning Committee

January 13, 2015

Attendees: Jerry Arnold, Jack Donoghue, Rich Forté, Robyn Hunter,
Meredith Lawrence, Mark Sarro, Sue Sheridan, Peter Smith

Location: Town Garage Meeting Room

Mr. Donoghue called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

1. Approval of minutes of prior meetings

Mr. Forté moved that the minutes of the December 2 meeting be approved, seconded by Ms. Hunter. The motion was approved unanimously by all who had been in attendance.

2. Green Communities Designation

Mr. Donoghue reported that the State has adopted a new building code which is more stringent than the "Stretch Code" required for certification. So, in the short run, this criterion has no impact. If in the future a new Stretch Code were adopted as part of the program, Dover would be obliged to adopt it. However, there is a growing consensus among planners that there are only diminishing returns to be had by more stringent building codes, so a new Stretch Code may never come about.

Ms. Hunter will invite Wendy Mueller to attend our next meeting. She worked on Westwood's certification committee and can give us insight into the details of the process.

Mr. Smith passed around a list of Town vehicles that fall under the fuel-efficiency criterion (attached). The rest of the Town's fleet is exempt, being either heavy-duty or emergency response. Mr. Sarro will pass this information along to the Capital Budget Committee to consider as vehicles come up for replacement.

Mr. Sarro discussed Sherborn's zoning by-laws concerning siting of green energy facilities. He noted that even as-of-right zoning still allows Town site review. Our zoning overlay could be anywhere in town, but it was agreed that the former landfill off Powissett St is the least likely to raise opposition, being remote and already cleared of trees.

Mr. Forté will meet with David Ramsay this week to collect baseline energy usage data.

*Mrs. Sheridan moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith;
the motion was agreed by consensus at 8:00 pm*

The next meeting will be February 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Town Garage

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

Approved February 24, 2015