

Dover Long Range Planning Committee

May 19, 2015

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

Guests: Gino Carlucci, Town Planner

Location: Town Garage Meeting Room

Mr. Donoghue called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

1. Approval of minutes of prior meetings

Mr. Forté moved that the minutes of the April 14 meeting be approved, seconded by Ms. Lawrence. The motion was approved unanimously by all who had been in attendance.

2. Green Communities Certification

Town Planner Gino Carlucci attended the meeting to share his experience with helping other towns obtain certification. He handed out a summary of the certification requirements with his annotations (attached).

- Criteria 1 & 2: Zoning and By-Law for Solar Generation Facility (Mr. Sarro to lead):
Mr. Carlucci agrees that parcel 19-002 (the former landfill, now owned by the Hale Reservation) is very appropriate. He suggested that parcels 19-004A (the Transfer Station) and perhaps 19-003 and/or 19-004 (which provide access to the electrical transmission lines) be included in the overlay district for flexibility. A joint meeting between this committee and the Planning Board was suggested.
- Criterion 3: Energy Baseline and Reduction Plan (Mr. Forté to lead):
Dover already has an account on the MassEnergy Insight website, so data on electricity use is being logged for us by Eversource. The Town Administrator can provide data for heating oil and motor fuel. Mr. Carlucci recommended that the Regional Schools be approached about joining the effort (the Chickering School's inclusion is mandatory). Applications to the State are submitted in the fall, so if our goal is the May 2016 Town Meeting the logical baseline would be fiscal 2016 energy data. Note that the plan need not be complete before then. Mr. Carlucci will provide a copy of Sherborn's plan.
- Criterion 4: Fuel-Efficient Vehicles (Mr. Smith to lead):
The Town Administrator has already provided a complete inventory of Town vehicles. Almost all are exempt, either for being classed as heavy-duty (greater than 8,500 pounds GVWR) or emergency response (police patrol, fire, and ambulance).
- Criterion 5: Stretch Building Code (Mr. Donoghue to lead):
The current Stretch Code is not much more onerous than the Base Code, and being performance-based offers more flexibility.

It was agreed that we should meet at least once during the summer to assess progress, and plan on wider circulation of plans and progress in the fall.

*Mr. Forté moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith;
the motion was agreed by consensus at 7:55 pm*

The next meeting will be June 9 at 7:00 pm at the Town Garage

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

Approved June 9, 2015