Dover Long Range Planning Committee

February 23, 2016

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

Location: The Great Hall at Town House

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

1. Green Communities

The Committee presented the Green Communities program and answered questions from the audience. The attached slides summarize the presentation.

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sheridan; the motion was agreed by consensus at 7:35 pm

The next meeting will be March 8 at 7:00 pm at the Town Garage

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

Approved March 8, 2016

Green Communities Designation and Grant Program

- Administered by Mass Dept. of Energy Resources
- Substantial grants for energy efficiency projects
- 155 cities and towns already certified
- Sherborn certified in 2011, has received ~$200,000
- Zoning and bylaw changes will require Town Meeting approval

GREEN COMMUNITIES
Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Criteria 1 & 2
Zoning for a Renewable Energy Facility

- Old landfill next to the Transfer Station
- Area is already cleared and accessible
- Town Meeting approval required

Criterion 3: Energy Reduction Plan

- Energy audit for all Town buildings and departments
- Plan to reduce energy consumption by 20% over five years
- State grants under the program fund projects

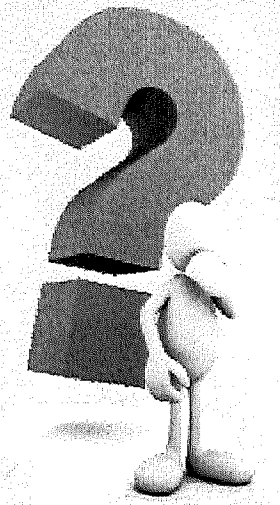
Criterion 4: Energy-Efficient Vehicles

- Only applies to light, non-emergency vehicles (cars and light trucks)
- Comes into effect when new vehicles purchased
- Mileage standard can be met by conventional as well as hybrid models

Criterion 5: Stretch Building Code

- Optional appendix to State building code
- Cost-effective route to energy efficiency
- Performance-based measurements
- Not significantly stricter than base code
- Town Meeting approval required

Town Meeting Articles

- Article 14: Zoning for solar array
- Article 15: Adopt Stretch Building Code

Questions