

CREW

Board Meeting Minutes:

January 15th, 2009

Town Hall

Council Chambers

514 Main Street

Warren, RI 02885

7:00 pm

Members present: Joseph A. Depasquale (chair), Cindy Saksena (vice chair), Andrea R. Stewart (secretary), Christopher Fuller, Paul Attemann, John Martin, Andrew Shapiro, and Joseph Lombari.

Proceedings:

-Minutes called to order by Joseph Depasquale, chair, @ 7:05pm.

-Chairman report/Discussion:

Old Business:

1. Minutes from December 4th, 2008 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept minutes made by Joe Lombari; 2nd by Cindy Saksena; none opposed.

2. Due to changes in the Warren town charter, Joe DePasquale has had to resign from CREW. Joe Lombari also can not be a member since he does not reside in Warren. At our next meeting, we will need to elect a new chair person.

3. LED lights update: "Lighting America" is waiting for information

from us regarding number of town owned lights eligible for LED replacement. Joe D met with Nick and asked if CREW could hire him for several hours to do the inventory .John Massed has been extremely busy this holiday season with limited work force. He has not been able to gather this info for us. Chris Fuller made a motion that we ask Nick Massed for a price estimate to have him do this inventory of exterior lighting on municipal buildings. Seconded by Andrea Stewart.

4. Joe attended the RI Economic Development meeting. They have a 4 million dollar renewable energy fund. Each year they will give away \$1,000,000 in two \$500,000 grant periods. Grant proposal reviews will focus on economic stimulation, job creation, and town collaboration. The goal is for energy creation (wind, solar, hydro) not about energy conservation. 30 towns of 39 had representatives at the meeting.

a. Peter D'Angelo, Barrington town manager, was present and spoke with Joe D. Barrington has 2.6 million from a federal grant to spend on wind development. Joe D. will follow up hoping to create collaboration with Barrington since we may have better sites for a turbine.

b. Chris Spencer, Kenny Marshall, and Merritt Meyers were also present. Joe D. will also follow up with them regarding the tri town wind alliance. Joe will also ask Merritt Meyers to attend our CREW meeting and present his wind farm information.

5. Joe D. will meet with Bob Fontaine from TPI next week regarding the possibility of TPI producing turbine blades for a wind farm. Mr. Fontaine said no one has approached him with this topic before.

6. Review of data regarding municipal energy cost and saving plan did not indicate how energy would be conserved. The data only stated what was being used. The goal was to decrease energy consumption by 12%. This will be tabled until our new town manager is in place.

7. Chris Fuller presented CREW letterhead samples. There is a big turbine water mark. Andy S. made a motion to move Warren town stamp to upper left hand corner and the writing to the right: 2nd by John Martin; none opposed.

8. Goals:

a. Obtain light inventory of municipal lighting for LED replacement.

b. Look at ways to get approval for solar lighting at Jamiel's Park like was done at Mass Maritime.

c. Look for another opportunity to repeat our CFL give away, possibly earth day 2009.

d. Do more community outreach.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Andrea Stewart at 8:10 pm, 2nd by Chris Fuller, none opposed.

Our next meeting is February 19th, 2009

Submitted by Andrea R. Stewart, secretary.