

**Island Energy Plan Committee  
Wednesday, October 13, 2010  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
12:00 noon**

Present: Chair Peter Baute, Kevin Hoyt, Barbara MacMullan, Sam Bird, Dave Simmons and John Warfel. Committee members Ken Lacoste, Scott Comings and Russell Littlefield were absent. Also present were Town Planner Jane Weidman and for the recording of minutes, Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Baute at 12:08 p.m.

**Review and Approve Minutes from the August 11, 2010 Meeting**

Mr. Warfel made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2010 as submitted. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion and it carried.

5 Ayes (Baute, Hoyt, Warfel, Simmons, Bird)      0 Nays  
4 Absent (Lacoste, Comings, Littlefield, MacMullan)

Ms. MacMullan joined the meeting at 12:15

**Renewable energy options:**

Solar--additional information from John Warfel, discussion

Ms. Weidman distributed a solar write-up drafted by Mr. Warfel that she will incorporate in the energy plan. Mr. Warfel offered to provide graphics as well.

Ms. Weidman noted that she was looking for information concerning the Town Hall solar array. It was noted that the Energy Plan should include suggestions regarding contracts and maintenance plans of municipal solar projects.

Mr. Hoyt stated that he felt it was very important that the Plan address the necessity of reinvesting savings from renewable projects into a sinking fund to fund additional projects and provide maintenance. The legality of such will be researched.

Wind, residential--potential zoning parameters

Ms. Weidman stated that she thought the Plan should point out the shortcomings in the current Zoning Ordinance as it relates to residential wind and include redrafting the Zoning Ordinance in the Goals and Objective section of the Plan.

Wind, municipal and offshore, writeup and discussion

Ms. MacMullan and Dr. Baute have done write-ups regarding the proposed off-shore wind farm. Ms. MacMullan will assimilate the two and forward the finalized copy to Ms. Weidman.

Ms. Weidman will provide a draft of the Energy Plan at the next meeting.

**Biofuels--Dave Simmons**

Mr. Simmons noted that he was unable to get any further information from Mike Finnimore regarding his local use of biofuels.

Ms. MacMullan stated that Newport Biofuels made a presentation to the Electric Utility Task Group regarding creating a local program in which they collect waste vegetable oil and process it for resale. The Task Group felt the Town may be able to help promote such a program by allowing a collection container at the Transfer Station.

Mr. Hoyt noted that diesel engines, which can run on blended waste oil, are 30% more efficient than gas engines. He suggested the Town begin upgrading and standardizing their vehicle fleet. He further suggested a future fleet of diesel/electric hybrid vehicles with a municipal charging and fueling station.

It was suggested that information be gathered regarding municipal fuel consumption. It was further suggested that a future goal be determining island-wide energy usage.

**Prioritization of potential actions by town government (need a comprehensive list)**

Ms. Weidman explained that as part of the Energy Plan, a matrix must be included showing how the Goals and Objectives are to be achieved and who is responsible. She stated that she will draft a matrix and circulate it for the members to fill in.

Ms. Weidman stated she still needs composting and net-metering write-ups. Ms. MacMullan volunteered to work on the net-metering write-up.

The following items were mentioned:

- Change the trash rate structure by increasing the cost of commercial trash and offering free recycling to encourage commercial recycling.
- Building design incentives for green initiatives should be considered.
- Goals and Objectives should include research into future efficiencies regarding the sewer process.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Bird made a motion to adjourn at 1:40 p.m., seconded by Ms. MacMullan, with all in favor.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Approved: December 8, 2010