

## **Alternative Energy Committee Minutes March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Minutes for the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting of the Alternative Energy Committee

Attendees:

Richard Binns  
Richard Bosse  
Joe Sangiovanni  
Paul Savino  
Terry Stearns

### **1. Public input**

The committee received no public input.

### **2. Approval of prior meeting minutes**

The minutes for the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

### **3. Determination of 2011 meeting schedule**

The committee agreed on continuing to meet the second Thursday of every month for 2011.

### **4. Discussion of agriscience large animal facility**

The Board of Education signed off on the design of the agriscience large animal facility. It is now before the Bureau of School Facilities for its approval

### **5. Review of Committee Mission Statement**

The committee delayed approving a new mission statement as no one in attendance had the version suggested by the committee chair that was sent out the previous month. Rather than create something new, it was decided to table the discussion.

For the record, the existing mission statement reads:

*The mission of the Suffield Alternative Energy Committee is to explore, evaluate and recommend energy technologies and policies that will reduce municipal, business and*

*residential energy utilization, limit adverse impact on the environment, and preserve energy resources for future generations.*

The version suggested by John, that includes an educational component, reads:

*"The mission of the Suffield Alternative Energy Committee is to explore, evaluate and recommend energy technologies and policies that will reduce municipal, business and residential energy utilization, limit adverse impact on the environment, and preserve energy resources for future generations. Our strategy is to educate town leaders, staff and citizens, propose specific solutions and champion game changing actions that fulfill the mission."*

The new mission statement will be determined at the next committee meeting

## **6. Discussion of town bonding items requiring a lifecycle analysis**

The committee discussed the feasibility and complexity of incorporating lifecycle analyses into bonded initiatives. Consensus was that a simplified version would be the only realistic way to accomplish this.

Paul agreed to contact one of his resources at CL&P to see how they approach their work in this area. The goal in doing this would be to provide the committee with some additional ideas to consider.

## **7. Review of action items**

Terry will resend John's suggested mission statement (it is included in this document).

Paul will approach his contact at CL&P regarding their life cycle analysis work

## **8. Plan agenda for next meeting**

The committee will finalize a new mission statement, and continue to discuss life cycle analysis of bonded initiatives