

Alternative Energy Committee Minutes **August 9, 2011**

Minutes for the August 9, 2011, 7:00pm meeting of the Alternative Energy Committee

Attendees:

Richard Binns (non-voting member)
Rich Bosse
John Donahue
Joe Sangiovanni
Paul Savino

1. Public input

The committee received no public input.

2. Approval of March meeting minutes

Joe made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2011 meeting as amended.
John seconded.

3. Direct Energy update

The Commission wants to clarify that they want to make the town residents aware of an opportunity to purchase their electricity at a better rate than they could individually as detailed in the minutes of the July 14, 2011 meeting. They are not endorsing any corporation.

The Committee discloses that Richard Binns is a broker who will receive numeration and is a non-voting member of the AEC.

Joe plans to interface with the Board of Selectmen after receiving input from the town attorney.

4. Update on increased recycling

General recycling of paper, cardboard, glass, metal and plastics:

- a) Suffield is doing a good job publicizing its recycling efforts according to Bob Hinds.
- b) John will do a trend line using the trash recycle report tables from the Town Report over a few years.
- c) 5th graders presently go on field trips to the recycling plant in Hartford.

Electronic waste recycling:

- a) Town landfill presently recycling electronic waste but not doing a good job publicizing this.
- b) Electronic waste consists of televisions, computers, monitors and printers (CEDs Covered Electronic Devices).
- c) Manufacturers bear the cost of recycling their products.
- d) Households in Suffield are allowed to recycle a maximum of seven CEDs per year, free of charge.

Article for newspaper:

Joe will ask Lester Smith if he could write an article for the *Suffield Observer* and the *Southwick Suffield News* about general recycling with special emphasis on electronic waste to make town residents more aware of the recycling programs.

5. Update on town website discussion

John informed the committee that nothing has been done this month as far as researching and proposing “generic” links (energy related information) that can be placed on the AEC’s page of the Town of Suffield website.

6. Review of action items

- a) Joe Sangiovalli will present Direct Energy documents to Board of Selectmen after the town Attorney has reviewed them.
- b) John Dohahue and Paul Savino will contact CL&P.
- c) Rich Bosse will contact Jim McShane about incandescent vs CFL lighting.
- d) Joe Sangiovanni will contact Lester Smith about writing an article to improve the visibility of recycling.
- e) John Donahue will investigate Skype or phone contact from Florida for winter meetings.
- f) John Donahue will research, test (ease of use and accuracy of energy related information) and propose “generic” links that can be placed on the AEC’s page on the Town of Suffield website.

7. Plan agenda for next meeting

Proposed agenda for September 8, 2011 meeting:

1. Public input
2. Approval of August 9 meeting minutes
3. Direct Energy update
4. Report on assignments:
 - a) Paul and John follow through with their contacts at CL&P concerning possible rebates for CFL bulbs and HVAC
 - b) Joe contact Lester Smith. Maybe Lester can attend Sept meeting?
 - c) Rich contact library director
5. Update on generic links for AEC page on the town’s website
6. Review of action items
7. Plan agenda for next meeting
8. Adjourn

8. Adjourn (8:10pm)

Joe made a motion to adjourn and Paul seconded