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Agenda for January 6, 2015: Durham Public Library Activity Room at 7:00 PM

1. Bike-Ped Plan
2. CCM's LED Lighting Program
3. Durham Firehouse & Virtual Net Metering Facility
4. Bright Ideas Grant
5. Home Energy Solutions Information
6. Letter to Local Businesses on Charging Station
7. Town of Stafford Presentation
8. Miscellaneous Business

Minutes:

Attendance: Thomas Kannam, Ron Capozzi, Jen Huddleston, Susan Michael, Hannah Bober

1. Bike-Ped Plan

Hannah Bober checked with her father, Kurt Bober, on the history of the trolley land for a bike-ped plan. Hannah shared a printout of "The Trolley Line that Never Ran" article. She showed a map of the properties. Much of the land was sold off to different property owners and is not available to continue through Durham. Mr. Bober is willing to help the committee look at other publically owned land for a bike-ped plan. Hannah Bober recorded a list of people who we think

might be interested in serving on a committee to work on improving bike-ped routes in our towns.

Sue said she thinks one of our goals should be to determine safe paths for students to ride to school. Jen said that Coginchaug Area Transition (CAT) has some people who would really be interested in supporting this project. She said CAT is sponsoring an “unleashing” on March 26th that would help envision the future of the towns and have signups for particular projects. One project could be the Bike-Ped Plan.

Susan Michael made a motion to make Hannah Bober the Chair of the Bike-Ped Plan Subcommittee. Thomas seconded. All were in favor. We will put the Bike-Ped path first on the next agenda for February.

2. CCM – LED Street Lighting Program

Tom reported that three providers were selected by CCM for its LED Street Lighting Program. Tom and Jen recently met with Solux and both were impressed by their presentation. Tom is organizing a subcommittee to choose the provider that we want to have complete the project. Jen mentioned that she spoke to Jon Brayshaw about LED lights. She would like to participate and see if Middlefield could benefit from Durham’s project in any way.

3. Durham Fire House & Virtual Net Metering Facility

The Town of Durham has negotiated and signed a Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) with Greenskies Renewable Energy to install solar panels at Durham’s Firehouse. This small ZREC project is likely to be completed in February.

CE&STF feels strongly that the Town of Durham should sign the Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) with Greenskies Renewable Energy for the Virtual Net Metering facility at the corner of Haddam Quarter & Brick Lane. The signed PPA is required before Greenskies spends resources on the full engineering study needed for the upcoming Inland Wetlands Commission review. The PPA has an out-clause for the Town of Durham if the project is never completed.

In December CE&STF voted unanimously to support this action. We encourage all interested citizens to write letters to the selectmen.

4. Bright Ideas Grant

Sue made a motion to put the entire Bright Ideas Grant towards the installation of an electric charging station on Main Street in Durham. Ron seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor.

Another idea mentioned was sponsoring an event to educate businesses about CPACE. Sue Michael also suggested that her ECO club at CRHS could host a sustainability fair featuring a

movie that educates the public about clean energy. One suggestion was “Who killed the Electric Car”. There could also be booths focused on issues like weatherizing homes, buying local, sustainable agriculture, farmers market, composting, recycling, etc.

5. Home Energy Solutions (HES)

The CE&STF is going to check with the three HES providers to get a firm number of households they have serviced. Ron made a point that you gain value in your home when energy efficiency improvements have been made.

6. Letter to Local Businesses on Charging Station

Tom will prepare a letter to send out to Main Street businesses to determine if they are interested in having the charging station installed.

7. Town of Stafford Presentation

Tom circulated an inspiring presentation from the Town of Stafford regarding their clean energy initiatives. After the leadership in Stafford changed, their clean energy task force has been able to accomplish an amazing number of projects.

8. Miscellaneous Business

The CE&STF appreciated the work of Kurt Bober in learning more about the Trolley Trail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.