

Special Meeting
TOWN OF WINDHAM
ENERGY COMMISSION
Tuesday August 28th at 7:00 pm
Main Meeting Room
Windham Town Hall
979 Main Street
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1. Call to Order - 7:10pm
 - Attendance: Commissioners--Grace Adams, Jean de Smet, Michelle Mallett, Chris Vials. Citizens—Doug Lary, Jefferson Crawford, Madeline Priest, Corey Krohn.
2. Citizens and Delegations – Introductions
3. Brief summary of what the former committees and town staff have worked on -
 - History of former Windham Energy Committee, including electricity purchasing, efficiency improvements, and alternative energy installations
 - Direct Energy buyers' group available to all residents at a discount
 - Municipal assessments: 2 energy audits completed, and Energy Star Portfolio Manager benchmarking completed in 2008, likely again in 2010.
4. Presentation by Jefferson Crawford of Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge
 - overview of what N2N is for new members
 - recap of what events we have done in the past two years
 - recap of how many residents in town have participated
 - Madeline shared that we need to think about how to really message residents in the third year. How do we reach more people
 - Michelle mentioned that people in her community are sick of CL&P and anything energy related
 - Group decided to have a table at the Co-Op's "Downtown Country Fair"
 - IR pictures used to show residents just how their home is leaking energy. Do neighborhood sweeps.
 - Chris asked for talking points for goals and priorities
 - Jeff offered to share his transition document that highlights what has worked in town and what has been more challenging
 - Town is accruing points which can be used to purchase things. Madeline will update us on the options.

5. Discussion between commission members of their goals and priorities for this commission

- Residential: N2N until April, Communities Program focuses on multi-family
- Small business program: for Main Street in particular. Focus on "greening" roof space and use that as a way to educate residents in town on Energy Commission and energy efficiency.
- Municipal - Energy Star Benchmarking, using money saved to re-invest in more savings
- Municipal – begin exploration of municipal utility

6. Prioritizing next steps

- Invite the town engineer to the next meeting to have him share what he has been working on

7. Elect Chair and Secretary

- Jean will be the chair
- Chris will be the secretary

8. Future meeting dates

- Discussion on holding two meetings in a month to get goals accomplished and not lose momentum
- Decided on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 5pm

9. Citizens and Delegations

10. Adjournment - 8:45pm