

Board of Selectmen
June 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Elaine Puleo, Al Springer, and J. April Stein

Also present: Town Administrator Rebecca Torres and Administrative Secretary Leslie Bracebridge

Meeting opened at 7:15 AM

Topics

1. Selectmen reviewed three brochures produced in collaboration by the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards and the Department of Energy Resources, the Center for Ecological Technology, Conservation Services Group and Energy & Resource Solutions all on file in the Town Clerk's office in the Energy Committee file:

- Green Communities Action Plan,
- The Massachusetts Energy Code and
- The Massachusetts Residential Energy Code.

Becky:

- No changes have been made to the Green Communities Action Plan since the end of April 2010.
- The Energy Committee was unable to assemble a quorum for a meeting to vote to recommend Select Board approval of the Action Plan. Individual Energy Committee members have voiced their approval. (The FY 11 appointed officials list has designated an honorary member and an associate member as non-quorum members of the Energy Committee to address current personal needs of the membership. This step will make the future gathering of a quorum for Energy Committee meetings more readily achievable.)
- In April some members of the Town Buildings Committee voiced concern about endorsing the Green Communities Action Plan. Now, more informational materials and educational programs are available.
- There is a June 30 deadline for the Select Board to approve the Green Communities Action Plan.
- As of July 1, 2010 the 2009 Massachusetts Building code is in force. The big change is from the 2006 to 2009 building code. The 2009 code is converging with the Stretch Code. New standards are coming regardless of support from builders.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the Green Communities Action Plan.

Elaine:

- Should it be brought to the fall special town meeting?
- Some builders support it and some don't. Some will have gone to training and read the materials.
- While this country has been fortunate to have a relatively unlimited supply of electricity, a recent example of a power shortage (in another town) was used as an example of the need for the Green Communities Action Plan.
- The Green Communities Action Plan will be put on the fall Special Town Meeting.

Police Chief Harding was not present to meet with the Selectmen. Selectmen will develop methods of communications for sharing information.

Selectmen discussed the varying ways that paid appointed officials notify the Administrator when they are not able to be at work, according to their unique circumstances.

Becky reported on the June 26 Regionalization Committee meeting:

- The final report received unanimous support of the committee.
- One of the few changes before approval was an additional two sentences concerning the Shutesbury Education Study Committee. Also, a debt schedule was added to the appendix.
- The report has been distributed to School Committee members.
- The final recommendation was that more study needs to happen,
- A union is not a legal entity. Each town functions (budgets) individually.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Bracebridge
Administrative Secretary