

Energy Efficiency Committee Minutes

Date: 9/14/2010

Time: 6:30

x	Jim Hubert	x	William Stanwood
x	Robert Higgins Steele	x	Alan Pease
	John Mickola	x	Mary Krapf

Documents

Unitil Power Point printout Saving Energy for a Brighter Future

Unitil handout Home Energy Calculator

DOER Power Point printout Green Communities

Minutes:

Present, John DiNapoli and Carol Fluet from Unitil

Carol explains residential audit procedure and benefits

John explains financial constraints on number of audits. Presents Saving Energy for a Brighter Future. Discusses net metering and the 1% limit.

Carol discusses the energy programs available for low income (fuel assistance) households.

Contact Farmers Council in Fitchburg.

John discusses Unitil's Home Energy Calculator on the web site. Will give a general idea of energy use and possible savings.

John explains a breakdown of electric charges. Generation is 45% of charges.

Kelly Brown from Dept. of Energy Resources (DOER) does an overview of the Green Communities Program and criteria to receive the designation. Can use an Energy Services Company (ESCO) to provide investment grade energy audit to provide energy performance contracting.

Discussion of the Stretch Code and its impact on building costs.

Discuss Planning Assistance to develop an action plan. Requires a letter from the Selectmen by October 1 that they are dedicated to becoming a Green Community. This helpful with energy reduction plan and explanation of the Stretch Code. This is the last time for planning assistance

Adjourn 8:40