

Minutes of the Climate Protection Committee (CPC) 1/29/2009

Attendees:

Judy McGuire
Dian Seidel
Betsy Johnson
Andy Knaus
Stuart Sessions
John Coble
Rob Enelow (Council Liaison) not present

Note that underlined portions of the minutes indicate action items for members of the Committee.

Warren Rizzi has been hired by the town as a research assistant to be available to the committees. Judy met with him today and we may use his assistance for a variety of Committee activities. He will attend a future meeting.

Standard committee meeting date will be the 4th Tuesday of every month – mark your calendars. We decided to go ahead and meet Feb. 24, even though there is a conflict with the information meeting on the noise ordinance (since there will also be a hearing).

Stuart has finalized the assessment and it has been uploaded to the Town website.

Ideas for Committee action:

- July 4th picnic – get “green band” – kid’s activity around reducing energy
- Have households sign up to be examples for the Challenge – gather data monthly to see progress
- Get teens involved
- Pitch a program to Discovery Channel – energy makeover. John will approach the Discovery Channel guy who lives in the town about this idea.

Judy and John met with Jack Palmer and his business associate about professional support on communications. John feels that we should try to do everything ourselves first – and if we don’t have the expertise then approach firms with a proposal with goals and objectives and a plan that includes everything from all the working groups. We discussed having a strategic planning meeting that incorporates input from all the working groups, sets a calendar, budget, other resources, etc.

MD kids need to have a date for the next focus group – Stuart will get more people for the focus group. Subsequently they set the date as Feb. 10 and Stuart did recruit more participants.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Submitted by Betsy Johnson