

REAC Minutes 4/1/14

Present: Jason, Jeff, Michelle, Kimberly, John, Claudia, Barb, Jed;
Guest: Melanie Collins

Approve Last Meeting Minutes - March's minutes were approved

New REAC Chair - Michelle is stepping down as chair, and we need to find someone new to take on her responsibilities.

Job Description - Prioritize committee goals, Build connections between our group and others(Green Communities), Spearhead support for large events, Creating the agenda, Newsletter creation/ editing

Jed will take on the role of Chair for the next meeting, and at that point we will decide on how to move forward. John will take on responsibility for liaising with Green Communities.

Movie Night Update - We showed the movie Switch about switching how we get our energy. There were 10 people who attended. The next movie may be Bag It, if we can get funding to show it. An alternative, or possibly a movie for May is Ocean Frontier II: A New England Story for Sustaining the Sea. It will be held on April 24th. Barb may be able to get funding from Jim Wellehan, owner of Lamey-Wellehan shoes. We will also ask Nathan for funding. Kimberly will ask Leo Mehue to come to the film and be involved in the discussion, and donate bags.

Sea Level Rise Adaptations - There was a survey of 10 communities and how they plan for sea level rise. They found that the communities had very different plans. There is an opportunity to use this as a platform to talk about climate change issues to Council.

Mason-Motz - Architects who are working on the building are doing an energy assessment for the building. There may be an ordinance upcoming the commands that an energy audit be done on all new town buildings. This could be a task that REAC takes on. Melanie mentioned that up front costs may be high, but lower costs may save the town money over time. Committee may want to write Nathan and/ or Lucky D'Asciano to tell them we are excited to see this building be energy efficient.

Building Energy Database- Kimberly has finished the collection of invoice data, and is now working on the analysis. She and Barb have been working to calculate CO2 equivalents (tons) and compare the 2012 data with the 2007 data. They're planning on double checking the numbers to ensure they are accurate. Claudia had asked when they'd like to present this information to the council, so we can make sure we can get on one of their agendas. Pete made the suggestion of presenting a powerpoint to REAC at the next meeting, as practice, and also to update the committee, before presenting to the council. Barb and Kimberly will be working to get this presentation ready to present to REAC at the next meeting.