

## REAC Minutes 2/4/14

Present: Pete, Jed, Jason, Claudia, Barb, Jeff, Michelle, Kimberly, John

Approve Last Meeting Minutes - January Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously  
Quick updates from Energy Fair

- Greatest amount of participants came as a result of road signs, second most were
- Dates for next year were considered. Fall is an appealing time to have the next event, but there was concern that we might have fewer participants with competing outdoor activities. Also, winter may be better, because people are paying for heat and looking for alternatives. Barb suggested having it every year, with commitment to the next three. There was talk about a changing focus or increasing the scale to make the fair worth attending next year. There is an opportunity to establish Falmouth as an energy saving hub. In the future we might consider charging for tables, and using that money to pay Kimberly.

REAC Annual Report to Council - Kimberly and Jed are working on this. It is due February 20th.

REAC Budget Request - If money is needed we need to write a request to Nathan. At that point we may be able to access money from his budget. We should include a request for having money available for movie licensing, printing, etc. Jed and Kimberly will create a Google Doc to which people can post budget requests. If we have requests we should add them to the Doc by Tuesday the 11th.

Revolving Energy Fund -

1. Currently there is a \$43,900 fund available. It may be folded into some other funds, unless someone advocates to keep it separate. The money was set aside to fund energy efficiency improvements. Energy savings were at one point were to be rolled into the fund.
2. REAC could write a letter, that Claudia could present to Karen.
3. Questions to be considered: Who will be the gatekeeper for the fund? What education is necessary for departments? Could the funding be spent on the energy fair or funding Kimberly's position? Could money be spent to investigate good uses of funding?
4. Over the next month Kimberly could ask departments if they have projects fitting into the fund. Claudia will ask at the Finance committee for information, as well. Michelle will reach out to Ann Goggin and ask about the original intent. We will discuss this issue at our next meeting.

Municipal Building Energy Database -

1. 2007 data ICLI does not have our data. The town laptop on which it had been stored is permanently lost. Barb was able to find some raw and processed data among materials she had access to. This data can be compared to current data.
2. Gathering this data is particularly important right now, because there is a lot of residential building being done. It can be used to show money being saved or carbon emissions being reduced.
3. Barb and Kimberly will work on compiling and analyzing the data next Wednesday, the 12th. We could also look for other reports created by other towns. We will use a program called STOCC to analyze the data.

Warm House Party for February -

Rather than having house party, we could recommend having people as references available on our webpage. Claudia suggested that it is not difficult to host it, the hard part is contacting people that are available or willing to do it. Pete suggested making virtual house tours, including interviews and demonstrations. It could be posted as YouTube links. Pete will start looking into setting up a video project. Barb and John will support Pete on the project.

Movie Night Details -

The movie will be A Fierce Green Fire, which is about stepping outside of your comfort zone. It will be held Thursday, February 27th at 6pm at the Library.

Green Communities and Matrix -

Jeff Edelstein and Sarah Lakeman came to our subcommittee meeting today. Sarah will help us communicate importance of recycling. Jeff is doing a great job of helping us connect with outside groups and supplying us with ideas.

Emissions Handout -

Send Jed your comments before Friday.