

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
Sustainability Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Thursday, October 13, 2011

Present: Stoddard (chair), Lennon, Miller, Sherman, Hart, Walton (staff)

Stoddard called the meeting to order at 5:03.

The minutes from the July 14, 2011 meeting were approved by Lennon/Sherman and the minutes from the September 8, 2011 were approved by Miller/Hart.

The committee reviewed the memo from Board of Education Superintendent, Fred Baruzzi, to school staff about energy conservation and the schools' energy committees. Hart asked if there might be a placement for a Manchester Community College Sustainable Operations: Alternative and Renewable Energy Initiative (SOAR) intern in the Town. Walton will check to see which certificates are offered at Manchester Community College and then speak to Fred about a SOAR intern helping with the schools' energy projects.

The committee reviewed and supported the UTC petition to not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the installation of a 400 kW fuel cell at 44 Weaver Road, Storrs.

Walton reported that the Town purchased an on-line interactive utility bill auditing, tracking, analysis and reporting service with a built in energy advisor, called Energy Watchdog. The Town is in the process of setting it up, and an intern has begun entering utility data beginning with fiscal year 2009/2010.

Miller reported on that the Environmental Impact Evaluation for North Hillside Road should be ready once the record of decision has been completed for the Federal Highway Administration. Before the first building can be built, easements need to be acquired and the Department of Transportation needs to make a final review. Spring 2013 is slated for the construction of the first building.

Miller stated that UConn's car sharing will start on October 24, 2011. The grand "opening" is scheduled for October 28 in Fairfield Way. The four vehicles are rated as low emissions vehicles.

Hart reported that Senator Williams, Representative Haddad and Representative Johnson will be taking a tour of the Kirby Mill on October 21, 2011. Hart is working on hiring an energy lawyer to evaluate the purchase power agreement. The Mayor would like to have the Shifrins make a presentation to the Town Council.

Lennon reported that the Town's Four Corners study has identified several different sites for potential well locations. It will cost about \$40,000 to test each site, and the Town is coordinating this testing with the ongoing EIE effort with UConn to study water sources for both the Town and UConn. In the November elections, bonding money for the engineering and design of the Four Corners project will be put to a vote.

Agenda items for future meetings include disaster resilience, UConn's reclaimed water facility, re-establishing an economic development commission, and a new meeting time.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton