

Stevens Point Eco-Municipality Task Force

GREEN BUILDING & ENERGY SUB-COMMITTEE

Monday, December 3, 2007

5:15 p.m.

Ellis Stone Construction
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MINUTES

Present: Ed Bueller, Michelle Glodowski, Alec Linde, Corey Rusch, Sara Windjue, Kelly Zagrzebski, Bill Horvath, Eric Carlson.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
3. Discussion on education of citizens. Kelly mentioned the Swedish and how everything is mandated, here we need to educate to get people to join in. How can we educate? In businesses, employee 'energy focus groups' or 'lookouts' can offer suggestions to management. We can also supply 'energy savings packets' and other info to businesses so they can develop their own energy reduction plans. Kelly also brought up how we may want to link all Eco groups in the area.

Ed mentioned again the breakdown of buildings: Existing, and New. Each of these are further divided into residential, commercial, and government. Mandates may be possible for government buildings, but not the others. Pros & cons of LEED certification or equivalent was discussed as a requirement for new local government buildings. It was agreed that energy efficiency for buildings must start with the city buildings.

Revisiting the need to have a 'baseline' we are hoping to get a cost analysis of what the gas and electricity usage is for city buildings. Bill Horvath volunteered to check with John Schlice about this.

There was discussion about wood fuel co-generation for the university verses coal and if a public-private co-generation program should be looked into.

There was discussion about what other eco groups have done. Kelly offered to send out links to various communities/groups that are further along or have completed the process. She also mentioned the Wausau model, and will provide info as that develops.

Discussed goals or needs:

- Energy analysis of city buildings
- We as a committee need to do the education
- We don't want the city to pass a resolution and that is the end of the process.
- Resolutions should be independent of the city.
- A permanent commission be established, with city representation.
- A recommendation for a city staff 'energy expert'
- What are the funding sources going to be?

Eric asked if we need to include instruction on how the resolutions are carried out and who will be around to do it. This is part of the goals listed above.

4. Adjourn Next meeting December 17, 2007 in the Prairie Room at the Portage County Library.