



## **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **Weston Building Committee**

**DRAFT** MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Present: Richard Wolf, Allen Swerdlowe (Chair. of the Sub-Committee), Bill Rappoport, Don Gary, Jack Davidoff, Lincoln Briggs; Jennifer Janelle (Shipman & Goodwin), on speakerphone from 8:22pm to 9:01pm; Margaret Wirtenberg.

The meeting began at 7:35pm in the Commission Room.

Minutes: approved as written (Wolf, Rappoport) July 22, 2008 meeting.

Discuss responses to RFP for energy consultant:

The Sub-Committee ("A.E.S-C.") discussed the two responses, one from BL Companies and the other from Fuss & O'Neill and how they differed from one another on the subject of energy audits.

The members present considered whether the proposed project could be broken up into separate projects, (i.e. by building and/or possible type, such as photovoltaics, fuel cells and co-generation). It was not possible to determine whether energy audits had indeed already been done by the Board of Education in on-going work and whether the scope of the energy consultant study under consideration by A.E.S-C. had been narrowed down sufficiently from already accomplished or about to be accomplished investigation by others.

At 8:22pm Chair. Swerdlowe began a conference call with Att'y Janelle, which ended at 9:01pm. Questions asked related to the procedural order - 1)first study, then application for project funding or 2)or some other order - as well as other technical questions related to level of audit required And whether the cost of the audit might be returned via grants for construction of any particular type of system. The number and variety of grant programs extant were described, as well as timing for receipt of these, as well as their funding cycles.

The upshot of the wide ranging discussion among all members of the A.E.S-C. with Janelle was that, with the A.E.S-C.'s approval, Don Gary would "meet with her tomorrow" and begin the process of seeking funding possibilities for the Town of Weston from the Clean Energy Fund and other sources, with Att'y Janelle to prepare a proposal for carrying out requests for funding on the Town's behalf.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wirtenberg, Acting Sec'y.

