



ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes 2/5/2008 - called to order at 7:36

Present: Lincoln Briggs, Richard Wolf, Allen Swerdlowe, Don Gary; Absent: Bill Rappoport

Guest: Jennifer Janelle, partner at Shipman and Goodman, Hartford attorneys

The purpose of the meeting was to have Ms. Janelle, an expert on alternative energy funding, present to the committee the funding opportunities for various forms of alternative energy.

She discussed the Class 1 alternatives, fuel cells and photovoltaics, and how they might apply to Weston.

She then suggested a method of proceeding; first, determine your goals (ie, reduce operating costs, being green, grid independence, teaching experience or a combination of all).

Second, have an engineer who specializes in renewable energy analyze the Town and school, and come up with a comprehensive plan. To that end, she had recommended four engineering companies to Allen, who had contacted them, and received brochures.

The Subcommittee members agreed to invite all but one to a Subcommittee meeting on either March 3,4,10 or11, at which time Janelle will be there to assist us in asking the right questions. She will prepare some questions for the Subcommittee to use in evaluating the companies in advance.

We then discussed the possibility if an EID (Energy Improvement District) for Weston and decided one or more of us, along with someone from the Town, should attend a workshop given March 12.

Allen said he would set up the meeting with the engineers and get back to us.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45

Don Gary for Margaret Wirtenberg (who was attending the Board of Selectmen's meeting on the First Selectman's budget)