



**9/19/12 MEETING
KILLINGWORTH ENERGY TASK FORCE
7PM AT TOWN HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order by Geoff Cook at 7:00 p.m. **In attendance:** Geoff Cook, Cathy Iino, William Leahy, George Keithan, Sue Gumbart, Terry Doyle and Peter Brandon.
Absent: Deb Sodergren, Jon Norton, Harsh Luthra

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM 7/18/2012 KETF MEETING

Minutes were reviewed, Terry Doyle made a motion to approve. Bill Leahy seconded. Minutes were approved.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a.. FOLLOW THROUGH ON OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RSD-17 BOARD OF ED SUB-COMMITTEE – RE: WHICH ITEMS TO PURSUE FIRST IN THEIR AUDIT REPORTS

Geoff recapped the meeting we had with Jamie Lehane at our July meeting. We discussed RSD17's potential to pursue many different strategies to help RSD17 aging buildings become more energy efficient. Bill Leahy spoke about the fact that there are many things in the works at the state level that will help municipalities address large scale projects such as what RSD17 presents. It was decided that Geoff will draft a letter to Jamie in response to our last meeting, informing him of the opportunities coming down the pike (including performance contracting and standardized RFQ's which will greatly improve the ability of RSD17 to not only get a large scale project going, but potentially get up to 50% of it funded as well.

This could be district wide projects and addressing a slew of problems like the need for energy efficient roofs, boilers, lighting, windows and installing an energy management system. Even maintenance contracts have been included in past school proposals.

After much discussion, the KETF thinks the best option for the school is to keep the project large enough in scope that RSD17 can potentially address all the energy problems as a whole. This gives us the best leverage as far as obtaining funding as well as provides the biggest benefit overall. Smaller items like lighting could be addressed on an as needed basis, and they should keep energy efficiency in mind as regular maintenance items need to be addressed, but with the scope of what needs to be done overall, and the potential to put together a cohesive plan to address all at once, plus that helps us qualify for the greatest amount of funding for the projects, we recommend waiting to tackle the whole nut. Geoff will circulate the letter to the energy task force members for review before sending out to Jamie.

Bill also mentioned that the school might benefit from looking into the LEAF program which is also about to be launched. It will combine initiatives from State agencies as diverse as construction, health,

education and the DEEP into a State program to advance the concept of energy efficiency coupled with increased environmental awareness at the school level.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

a. ENTERTAIN NOMINATIONS FOR NEW ETF MEMBER TO REPLACE THE VACANCY LEFT BY MR. BYRNE.

We discussed the vacancy and did not come up with a recommendation. However, during the discussion it was felt that a possible impediment to meeting attendance of some members is the date that we have the meetings. We decided to move the KETF meeting day to the fourth Wednesday of the month and keep the same time as before. **Meetings the rest of the year going forward will be held on 10/24/12, 11/28/12 and 12/26/12 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.** A motion was made by Terry Doyle to change meeting dates, seconded by Bill Leahy and all approved.

b. UPDATE EVERYONE ON HES EVENT THAT WAS HELD IN AUGUST AT CHURCH FAIR -

On Aug 4th. Two HES Vendors Lantern Energy and Victory Energy attended the church fair and demonstrated blower door test and duct blaster equipment. Attendance was light, it was a very hot day, but still there is the fact that these events don't seem to generate the kind of interest we would like. Since we have such an enthusiastic partner in Diana from Clean Energy Communities, we decided to try a different approach. We are planning another HES event but this time to take place at Jensen's. We think a lot of folks could benefit from an HES audit, many might be able to take advantage of a free audit if income levels meet the requirements of the program, and Jensen's has a regularly scheduled monthly meeting which is well attended that we might be able to tap into. If this program is a success we may look to do an event at other local group meetings (Lions were mentioned). It may help boost attendance.

Cathy lino is going to talk with someone at Jensen's to get onto their Nov. 13 meeting agenda. If they are interested in having us, Sue will work with Diana and the vendors to set up and promote the event. We may figure out some way to tie-in with Lions who help folks at Jensen's shrink-wrap their windows for better energy efficiency through the winter, (which also happens in early Nov.) If it turns out to be a bigger deal, we may try to get help from scouts and high school students who would get community service credit. Terry Doyle will check with Nathaniel Titcomb (current Lions President) about potentially working together on this.

5. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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