

## Meeting Notes May 9, 2009

Next meeting May 23, 2009

### Residential Energy

**Target 200% above poverty for residential sector**, Ken will seek students for research at Steering committee meeting on April 23, 2009.

Engaging bankers (Dave Roy, Kennebec Savings, holds their own loans, Dick Thomas talked with Dave, Kennebec Federal Savings Bank, Credit Unions, John New Dimensions, Finance Committees should do this)

Oil Company

Cambridge Community Group (Dick Will contact them)

Kendal Foundation

One-stop shopping package, tell them about efficiency and alternative fuel

Students resources

Inventory of housing energy needs

LIHEAP Data

Oil consumption, work with an oil Company, mail letter with survey

Spring Brook, Downeast Energy, John Peters

Other

Preparing a consumer package

Wx

Alternative Energy

Ken: We should try to tie into state energy plan, \$10 million (stimulus funds) for Residential Weatherization non-low income. Invite MaineHousing to an educational meeting. One system is coming for education techs and auditors. Dick: Invite existing organizations such as Maine Apartment owners association. United Way Tina (Ken) Local bankers (Dick Thomas), Energy Company (Spring Brook) (Personal invitations) Bond for affordable energy efficient structures, like old mobile homes, replaced with new or retrofit units. **Week of June 22, 23, or 24** Council Chambers or REM Space, Chris will arrange space. Ken will contact MaineHousing, Mike Roy. Chris will arrange REM space.

Invite the Steering committee. Chamber of Commerce (Francis). Efficiency Maine will be invited as well. Credit Unions: New Dimensions (On May 7, John Invited Ryan Poulin, who is interested and will notify other credit unions.

### **Wind: Grants Available to State of Maine under stimulus grant from DOE:**

**Siting in Mid-Maine** for a turbine. Wormersly has the high resolution map for wind resource, will provide the map of Central Maine wind, free of charge. Chris, Gus, will review the system and try to identify sites. Tom Kahl and Gus Involved.

**Community Wind Workshop** still in planning stages: (Chris) Speakers are available, great web sites, lots of research going on, opportunities of collaboration, discussion with Unity Sustainability group. April 7, Chris is meeting with Barbara Woodlee. Pittsfield wind project has limited payback.

Date open end of April first of May? Workshop open to the public: Review different business models, Ron Desrosiers, Mary Ann Hayes (Maine Rural Partners) Fred Snow on local ordinance for wind.

**Small workshop for siting issues:**

**Structuring community wind projects:** Major changes coming from Legislature, long term contracts from community wind projects, built into standard offer. MaryAnn Hayes, T&D companies are working with Legislature.

Ken will keep us informed. Net meter is now 660 KW, shared ownership up to 10 owners. Cogeneration energy zones.

**Commercial/Institution** (Bruce Olsen) USDA funding could be helpful here. Some stimulus \$s will probably be available to municipalities. FAME has programs for commercial.

**District Energy** Gus Libby, John Joseph, Elery Keene, and Greg Brown met with Peter Deanne at Huhtamaki, on May 5. The group received energy consumption data for the 7 acre industrial plant along with a verbal agreement to participate in feasibility analysis. Next stop is a discussion with the rail road to be organized by Mike Michaud's office.

**Solar: Greg Fletcher**, PV teacher at KVCC, Chris will help, Richard Thomas will talk with chief engineer from Houle Plumbing & Heating. (Ken is on advisor committee for the KVCC)

**Presentation at Colby:** Susan Collins office rep on energy, said she wanted good data on the economy and energy. Keep contact with staff member. Forward names to Tom.

**Steering Committee Report, communication committee:** Ann Beverage says they are going ahead with community gardens.

Energy Policy Workshop  
Residential Energy Conservation  
Community Wind Energy  
District Energy  
Wood Energy (Pellets)  
Solar Hot Water  
Commercial/Institutional Energy Efficiency  
Municipal Energy Conservation