

Energy & Water Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2008
5:00 PM

Attendees: WT Bishop, Jimmy Spanos, Jay Polimeno, Lutz Wallem, Paul Kasianchuk, Susan Chenard

Secretary Chenard distributed information on the energy walk-through and the latest WaterSense newsletter. There was general discussion among the group as they waited for the Chairman, but as he did not arrive, they started the meeting on their own.

The goal of this meeting had been to break into sub-committees. Jim Spanos would chair the local education subcommittee, with Jay Polimeno and Paul Kasianchuk on his subcommittee. WT Bishop is chairing the water subcommittee, but has no other members yet. Marty Robbins will apparently not have enough time to chair the electric subcommittee, but Tom Smith had said he was interested in being on the sub-committee, and he was voted chairman. Lutz Wallem had not made a decision yet.

Mr. Spanos suggested that we meet only once a month, as there has been sparse attendance recently. Mr. Bishop agreed, as did Mr. Kasianchuk. Vacation times and many activities were probably part of the cause for this, but the group planned to re-start more forcefully in the fall, when school restarted.

Mr. Kasianchuk suggested we work on goals in the meantime. He explained a 5-step format he often uses:

1. Set objectives
2. Do research
3. Do planning
4. Implement
5. Evaluate

He felt we should set this cycle in motion, with a 12-month schedule to complete some longer-term goals.

For short-term goals, the group decided that each person should bring at least one other person to the next meeting. Mr. Kasianchuk suggested bringing along people that this group might not think of first, such as younger people, for whom this topic is fresh, and non-management people, who may not realize what an impact they could have and that this could be a learning experience for them as well. FBLA students could join in the fall as well, per Jay Polimeno.

Another short-term goal is to create more visibility for the committee, by using mediums such as the local newspapers, Channel 3 and the Chamber of Commerce. We want to include both Lincoln and Woodstock.

The third short-term goal was to have as many members as possible of the Energy and Water Committee to go to the Forum for Energy Committees event being hosted by the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative on June 3rd at 6pm at Church Landing in Meredith. Please RSVP to Bill Johnstone at NHEC by calling him at 536-8651.

The long-term goal related to this would be to get the ideas necessary to put on a similar show in Lincoln in the next year or so. Resources related to this would be Bill Johnstone (NHEC), someone from PSNH(?), Derek Bennet (DES), Shubhada Kampli (EPA), Roger Stephenson from the Carbon Coalition and more.

The next meeting was set for June 18th at 5pm.