

Environmental Impact & Sustainability Committee

(“NECC – EISC”)

Meeting Minutes

02/09/09

1:00-2:00pm PDR

In Attendance: Tom Fallon, Co-Chair; Paul Chanley, Co-Chair; Jim Brocato; Linda Cashman; Cliff Clarke; Alison Cody; Martha Leavitt; Marcy Vozzella; Sue Wolfe; Linda Hudson(Recorder)

Meeting began at 1:00pm

These minutes follow the meeting agenda:

- 1. Solar PV update: A consultant for “Leading by Example” evaluated the roofs of “B” (General Services) and “E” (Science) buildings. These roofs were found to be very acceptable for both open square footage and sun availability. Out of 5 agencies/colleges evaluated to date, NECC is the best candidate;***
- 2. Biodiesel: Discussion evolved around Dina Brown’s suggestion of converting Corporate Chef’s cooking oil into biodiesel fuel. Not only will biodiesel save NECC money on diesel fuel – it will teach students engineering, chemistry, etc....Marcie will research “conversion kits”.....;***
- 3. Carbon Footprint: We are making progress....Tom will start the process of working on student and staff commutering miles, electricity and gas reporting; etc.***
- 4. DCAM Energy Initiative: Sue Wolfe reported that we are working with DCAM, and in the near future, DCAM will be going through all buildings at the Haverhill Campus. This objective is an add on to the lighting project and is at no cost to us;***
- 5. Signage: Members looked at the signs proposed for the unmowed area between the Technology Center and the Gymnasium which were submitted by Marcie Vozzella. Linda Cashman will have these signs made at the same time the “No Smoking” signs are made. There will be a total of 6-8 signs in the unmowed area;***
- 6. Action Plan for Becoming Neutral: Potential focus areas were discussed:***
 - a. Gas & Electric consumption***
 - b. Conservation***
 - c. Solar PV – grant based***
 - d. Wind turbines ?***
 - e. Geothermal ?***
 - f. Energy Star purchases – will be removed due to the fact that NECC is not purchasing Energy Star PC’s***

- g. Tree planting*
 - h. Energy Credits – was ruled out due to the current fiscal constraints.*
 - i. President’s hybrid car – upon replacement*
 - j. Marketing the Green Way*
 - k. Increase of “no mow” areas*
 - l. Recycling of paper, cans and plastic;*
 - m. Locally grown foods*
 - n. Keeping students on campus between classes*
- The committee agreed that a 3% target reduction per year appeared reasonable.*

- 7. Grant Update: Alison will check out grants for more recycling bins;*
- 8. New Grant: (information was passed around);*
- 9. Conference/workshop on Green Jobs in Massachusetts: (information was passed around) This event was held on February 13th at Blackstone Valley Technical HS*
- 10. Free Expo in Boston on March 18th & 19th: (information was passed around) There will be a track of Green Seminars sponsored by the Boston Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Council);*
- 11. Check out <http://www.mass.gov/gastips> for driving tips;*
- 12. Check out <http://www.eot.state.ma.us> for gas saving tips;*
- 13. Sustainability 101: (information was passed around) Sustainability training will be offered for NECC in May 2009;*
- 14. Energy Star PC Purchases: We need a policy for individuals to shut down their PC’s and monitors every night which would save \$\$\$. Client Services could set the monitors to put them in sleep mode?*
- 15. FYI - NECC had \$25,000 in energy savings over the Christmas Holiday.*

Meeting ended at 2pm.

Respectively submitted,

*Linda Hudson
Buildings & Grounds*

NOTE: Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16th at 1pm in the President's Dining Room....