Cambridge Climate Protection Action Committee
February 10, 2011
City Hall Annex

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Quinton Zondervan (vice chair), Marguerite Reynolds (secretary), John Moore, Barry Hilts, Terry Smith, Steve Lanou, Lauren Miller, Jan Dillon, Keren Schlomy, Tom Page, Bill Zamparelli, James Eliscar, Kathy Araujo. *Staff:* Rosalie Anders, John Bolduc

Guests: Scott Wood (Sustainable Business Network), Lea Cademenos, Paul Robillard (CCEAG)

1. Approval of the Minutes - The November and December 2010, and January 2011minutes were approved.

2. Report of the E&TP Director
- The energy workshop for residential rental properties sponsored by the City, CEA, and Mass. Rental Housing Association is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, March 19.
- CPAC members whose terms are up this year were asked to inform John or Rosalie if they wish to be reappointed to another term.
- Nominations for the 2011 GoGreen Awards are open. The nomination form is available on the City website at http://www.cambridgema.gov/gogreen.
- Neighborhood planning meetings have commenced, with a sustainability element added this time. The Mid-Cambridge meeting was held on Feb. 5. The Riverside meeting was scheduled for Feb. 12 and the Cambridge Highlands meeting was scheduled for March 3.
- Vice Mayor Davis scheduled a committee hearing on renewable energy goals and the Council's environmental goals for February 17.

3. Follow-up on January presentation to CPAC on Massachusetts Clean Energy & Climate Plan for 2020

The goal is to know whether or not Cambridge needs to follow the state plan or develop a plan on its own.

The discussion focused on whether or not we should support the state plan and state goal or should we have a plan of our own? If we follow the state plan, we will need to figure out how do we fit within such a plan, and if we have a plan of our own, we should have a different proposal, with different or additional actions. We do not have a plan now; how do we get to that? What should be the process? Given that the state's plan is very broad and focuses on multiple areas, it is possible to work with the plan and incorporate specific aspects. It seems that a lot of the question has to do with details, and how much we want to get involved at the local level in the state's plan. Another approach might be taking the state plan and adding onto it or focusing on aspects that are related to the city. A good plan, we will agree, is a plan that is flexible and a plan that encourages adaptation. Looking at the state plan, there are areas in it that are aligned with our priorities. Identifying obstacles to the success of this plan is necessary, because what

Cambridge can or cannot do will depend on state laws. Others cities in some other states have powers that Massachusetts communities don't have.

What is the process? Is there a sense that we need to have a task force focusing on this plan? We can have short-term and long-term actions with different steps and phases. The process should be thoughtfully figured out so that we could engage people.

By a show of hands, these are the people interested on working on this plan: Quinton Zondervan, Marguerite Reynolds, John Bolduc, John Moore, Barry Hilts, Terry Smith, Steve Lanou, Lauren Miller, Jan Dillon, Keren Schlomy, Tom Page, and Bill Zamparelli. Action to move the motion: all in favor; no against; no abstain.

4. Potential of Solar Hot Water Systems – Presentation by John Moore

John Moore's presentation focused on the opportunities for solar hot water systems in New England in general but in Cambridge in particular. Compared to Germany where solar hot water is used extensively, New England receives a high amount of solar radiation which give us the edge in that particular industry. We face some challenges for solar energy systems in specific sectors such as multi family, hospitals, health clubs, restaurants, etc. Other challenges focus on payback vs. long-term value, financing options, and perceived low cost of natural gas. His presentation covered areas such as the cost of installations, time, funding and other forms of support, and incentives – for residential and commercial.

5. Climate Protection Report Update – Rosalie Anders

Looking at people's responses and ideas, overall, Rosalie tried to beef up the positive results of actions on climate. Overall, it is more positive. S. Lanou suggests that we should focus on more positive things that have been accomplished. He will provide more specific information from MIT to feed into this report. He also pointed out that the role of different groups and people in terms of mobilizing and activities is not mentioned in much detail. Data is also lacking from the piece, according to T. Smith. It is valuable to say what we tried and the lessons learned. The plan is to go back and work more on the report to restructure and make it more graphically attractive. Final draft can be expected by next meeting.

6. Next meeting
   - Review report and put seal of approval to it
   - Discuss the task force responsibilities
   - Another speaker for next meeting
   - Recycling

7. Adjournment

Notes taken by James Eliscar