

## Green Team Meeting – June 21, 2007

### **In attendance:**

Janice Tremblay

Angela Vincent

Linda Alukonis

Alderman David McLaughlin

Robert Hallowell

Alderman Richard Larose

Rep Suzanne Harvey

Scott Pollock

Deb Chisholm

Also present were Lindsey Franklin and Marie Horbar of March to Re-energize New Hampshire Movement and Elaine Thomas of the Universal Unitarian Church of Nashua

*Janice Tremblay called the meeting to order at 3:47pm.*

*Scott Pollock selected to take notes of meeting in the absence of Clerk Bruce Buttrick.*

*Alderman Larose reviewed the requirement for a quorum and as there were 6 members present the requirements for a legal meeting were met.*

*Minutes of May 17, 2007*

*Revisions:*

*Public Education and Outreach-amend to show Suzanne Harvey*

*Energy Conservation and Trust Fund-amend to add Denis Gleeson*

*Motion to approve – Suzanne Harvey, Second Linda Alukonis*

*Subcommittee Reports:*

- *Website Janice Tremblay* reviewed the status of the site. She noted that the access is only with Kelly Dowling at this time. The suggestion was made to allow access to members at this time and add a link to the Energy Fair site.

*The suggestion was made to have all members review the site and make suggestions for improvement and additions.*

*Suzanne Harvey suggested to add a text of the Mayor's Agreement on climate control to the web site.*

- *Energy Conservation Trust Fund* – Ms. Tremblay updated the committee regarding the approval by the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 of the resolution that created the trust fund and the placement of the \$20,000 into the fund. Ms. Tremblay noted a second resolution is in process to place \$5000 from the Street light account into the trust fund. *Alderman Larose asked about the resolution and date of the agenda for the action by the board. Ms. Tremblay noted he should have information in his packet he received about 6-12 and Alderman Larose commented he would review the material.*
- *Energy Fair 2007*–Janice Tremblay let the group know that the letters were sent to about 20 possible vendors for inclusion in the event. The letters were mailed on June 19, 2007. A draft of the flier on the event was shown to the group for comment. The change of location to Greeley Park was

noted. The comments on the flier included reduce the amount of black ink and enlarge the identification of the event with the City of Nashua as the sponsor.

- ***March to Re-Energize New Hampshire***-Present at the meeting were Marie Horbar and Lindsey Franklin of the Sierra Student Coalition, the student run arm of the Sierra Club. They reviewed the plans for a 5-day event for a walk from Nashua to Concord to call on leaders to support clean energy economies. The goal of the walk was to gain 40,000 signatures for a petition on energy solutions and global warming. The walk is planned to begin at City Hall at 9:30 AM on August 1 and end with a rally in Concord with 3000 in attendance on August 5. They stressed this is a non-political effort. The Green Team members were invited to attend or participate in any of the legs of the walk. Alderman Larose asked about the schedule of events and the kick-off at Greeley Park. Alderman McLaughlin suggested that a copy of the climate change agreement from the national organization and copies of **An Inconvenient Truth** be available at the event. A discussion followed on the Green Team signing an endorsement of the event.
- ***Motion by Robert Hallowell and second by Angie Vincent to approve the Green Team Leadership to review and approve a letter of endorsement-Approved, unanimous***
- *A discussion on the link between the Steel Workers Union, Sierra Club and any movement was reviewed. The consensus was that the workers looked at the efforts as a means to promote job growth in the field. Alderman McLaughlin suggested that as no funds were being committed from the city, there was little risk of harm to the city. Janice Tremblay noted that the Mayor had reviewed the request and offered the support of the city for the event.*
- *Aldermanic Resolution to approve August to be “GoGreen” month-the resolution to make August the GoGreen Month for the city was discussed. The schedule and requirements for approval were reviewed. Aldermen Larose and McLaughlin suggested removing the resolution from committee and placing it before the full board for a timely passage. Alderman Larose will discuss the item with Alderman Tollner to try to pass the resolution by July 12, 2007.*
- ***Logo contest*** –As the schools are on summer break, no work is being done on the contest. The group suggested the energy fair offer a youth art contest for a logo. The schools will also be offering a contest for the logo, city wide.
- ***Public Education and Outreach*** –Alan Manoian and Suzanne Harvey have volunteered to work with this sub-group to develop and channel ideas.
- ***GoGreen Month***-Angie Vincent suggested we look at a list of events for the month. Suggestion of a bike day, electronic recycling event at the landfill and the HHW collection at streets is highlighted. It was suggested the Public Relations Group handle the events and promotions. Angie Vincent shared that Mark Sousa wanted to promote his “Mean Green Riding Machines” during the month. He indicated he wanted to offer free ridership for a day to promote the event. Alderman Mark Cookson had shared that the Telegraph is preparing a series on Green Energy.
- ***Green Bike Fleet***- The idea of a bike fleet was brought before the group. Deb Chislohn noted this was an effort started by Director Hersh and that Ron Jenkins was to set aside bikes for the program. Scott Pollock offered to be the action person to contact Ron Jenkins and see the status of the bikes. The group noted there needed to be program guidelines and safety work completed prior to any bikes being available to the employees.
- ***Resolution Trust Fund Group***-Janice Tremblay to set up meeting time for group to meet when possible for all to attend.

- ***Other Business-*** Note of recent NPR piece on green efforts by the city, Note on green efforts in Town and Country publication, Angie Vincent to attend conference in Arkansas and speak on Green efforts in Nashua. Janice Tremblay and Angie Vincent to attend the workshop and meeting on clean cities group. NRPC did not receive EPA grant on study for regional healthy energy program
- ***Motion to adjourn-*** Alderman Larose at 5:12pm
- ***Next Meeting July 19, 2007 Room 208, City Hall***