

**Nashua Green Team
Special Meeting
Executive Committee Meeting &
Energy Efficiency Subcommittee Meeting**

Meeting Notes

**Monday, July 12, 2010
Nashua City Hall
2nd Floor Planning Conference Room
2:00 pm.**

Draft until approved at the next meeting.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was chaired by Lucy St. John. In attendance: Denis Gleeson, Co-chair; Philip Boivin (PSNH), Arden Calla, Rean Lam, Deb Chisholm, Sally Hyland, Alderman Jeffrey Cox, Heidi Peek, and Nick Caggiano.

It was noted that per the Green Team By-Laws, Article XI- Meetings, that this special meeting was called to review the application from the Energy Efficiency Subcommittee, due to the time restraints to get the project up and running prior to the school year, should the funding request be granted. The July and August Green Team meetings had previously been cancelled.

Discussion Items:

Green Team Expendable Trust Fund Application. An application from the Energy Efficiency Subcommittee, was recently presented for the installation of a solar photovoltaic system at Nashua High School South. If funded the goal is to have the project completed prior to the start of the school year (August 2010). Time is of the essence. The amount requested from the expendable trust fund is \$ 2,550.00. Phil Boivin, subcommittee chair explained that he and his committee have been working with both the Nashua School District and KW Management. Both KW Management and PSNH will be making donations to this project, as outlined in their application. He explained that no contingency was built into the project cost, but he can discuss this with the School District.

A discussion has occurred about taping the installation as a community TV project. Questions revolved around, if the funds could be used because the project is at the High School, the need for clarification of the five (5) year payback discussed in the Resolution, if a motion for approval by the GT would also need approval by the Board of Aldermen (BOA), and how to document the “value”, as clearly the educational value is significantly important. These issues need clarification. Documenting the success of the United Green Team project, is certainly one way to address the ‘payback’ issue, and the sheer educational value is unquestionable.

Staff was directed to contact the Legal Dept. (Dory and or Steve) to ask for clarification on the five (5) year payback and or if this committee (if a motion is made in favor of this application) can authorize the use of the funds, and begin the project immediately, without further approval or authorization from the BOA, or resolution. Alt. Cox would also talk to the Legal Department following the meeting and get back to staff.

It was noted that the fund was established in 2007, but because of the application requirements, some project ideas never completed the application process. It was noted there are plenty of ideas on how to utilize the funds, but the application process, and 5 five payback have limited participation. This needs to change. Other ideas need to be discussed when reviewing the applications in the future, maybe even carbon credit. This and other ideas will be investigated during the upcoming application amendment process. The Energy Efficiency Subcommittee will embark on drafting a new application and amended Resolution language for consideration in the future.

A question was asked if the Joint Special School Committee has been approached for funding or contingency funding. Ald. Cox notes that many of their funds are allocated for other projects (bond), but that this is certainly a good idea. It was also asked how green initiatives and particularly this project is or could be included in the school curriculum.

Staff noted that four GT participants emailed to support this project- Sam Albert, Deb Novonty, Jane Hemmingsen, and Peggy Trivilino.

Motion by Denis Gleeson, seconded by Aldermen Cox to support this application for \$2,550 dollars from the Expendable Trust Fund with further clarification from the Legal Department and input from the School District as needed. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Subcommittees and Updates: Brief discussion on the minimal participation in the Carbon Challenge project considering all the work by Arden including participating in the Earth Day Event, at St. Joseph's and other locations. The Co-chairs will meet with Arden to strategize how and if the Carbon Challenge should be continued in the fall.

Sally Hyland thanked everyone for their participation at the Earth Day event.

Resolution language: The Energy Efficiency Subcommittee will draft some revised language for consideration, as well as draft a new application and application process.

Summer Meeting Schedule: It was noted that both the July and August meeting were previously cancelled. Some subcommittee may still be meeting as needed.

Other Business: None.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm

Meeting notes respectfully prepared by Lucy St. John.