

## **Energy & Solid Waste Work Group Core**

Notes of Meeting of October 5, 2006, 6:00 pm, Tisbury Senior Center

*[Excerpted from full Steering Committee meeting of this date]*

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*Members Present:* Russell Smith (Chair), Phil Forest, Don Hatch, Kitt Johnson, Paul Pimentel, Bart Smith, Paul Strauss, Kate Warner

*Members Absent:* Kick Knabel, Fred Lapiana

*Present – MVC Staff:* Bill Veno

Core group member acknowledged that the existence of the 10-Year Energy Plan is a wealth of information and initial strategies. Work is needed on getting community recognition and on focusing beyond ten years. There has been progress with Tisbury and Oak Bluffs taking a new look at joining the Refuse District and good waste information also exists.

### **1. Potential Goal**

Island-wide energy neutrality within a generation

### **2. Broad-Based Objectives**

- Community recognition and elevated status for energy & waste issues
- Elevate waste and energy to the same level of public awareness as housing and conservation
- Raise people's consciousness
- Work for public "buy in"
- Change the "flush it and forget it" attitude
- Institutionalize smart consumption of energy
- Create community support for best practices
- Act locally for global impact

### **3. Limitation of Study**

Will not include non-point sources of waste (i.e. septic/cars)

### **4. Strategies**

- Hope to find "homegrown" energy and convince community
- Create enough clean energy so people do not have to sacrifice lifestyle
- Pilot program for ethanol from cellular waste
- Create jobs while dealing with issues
- Merge towns' treatment of waste and improve efficiency
- Less shipping of waste; more recycling
- Composting may be viable
- Use landfill gases

## **5. Tools**

- Make building code energy smart and focused
- Create Energy DCPC
- Create island energy office

## **6. Upcoming Meetings**

Considering most members' schedules, the core set its regular meetings for 4:00 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The group decided to meet again to prepare a proposed framework for proceeding with the work group's tasks before meeting with the entire work group.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 8:00 a.m. at the SSA Vineyard Haven terminal meeting room

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