

ISLAND PLAN

CHARTING THE FUTURE OF THE VINEYARD

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Energy & Solid Waste Work Group Core

Meeting Notes of October 11, 2006, 8:00 a.m. VH SSA Terminal

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

1. Organizational Framework of Issues

Members discussed alternative ways to organize the many components of energy issues. Two principle distinctions are “reduction of energy use” and “production of energy”. Means of consumption reduction can be differentiated by “efficiency” vs. “conservation” measures. All energy use can be categorized as electric (i.e. household/appliance consumption), transportation or heating. Another way to look at energy issues is by fuel source/type. There was general agreement that this mix of distinctions and categories could best be illustrated in a matrix format that will visually aid people in addressing the array of issues, as well as help organize ideas and suggestions as they arise. It will also be an effective way of showing the relative impact of various initiatives. Members thought the matrix particularly important to help the core group productively engage the broader E/W work group of some 30-plus people. There was no consensus on a specific matrix, however, which will be a task for the next meeting of the core group.

2. Relationship to Other Work Groups

Members recognized that Energy and Waste (E/W) affects all of the other Island Plan Work Groups and that the E/W group should attempt to make recommendations for other work groups to consider, or be aware of, fairly early in the process.

3. Data Needs

The 10-Year Energy Action Plan has data through 2002. Kate said it would likely be very difficult to get updated info from fuel distributors/dealers. Solid waste information is pretty accessible. Members pointed out that the group shouldn't get too concerned about having the most recent data. Beyond energy usage, the group can engage the public through the scenario of energy disruption – whether through accident or scarcity.

4. Next Meeting

The core group decided that it was not yet ready to engage the entire work and that it needed to meet again to draft a framework for organizing issues and how they will be evaluated and addressed, and identify the deliverables of the work group. Additionally, the group will outline how it proposes to engage the broader work group throughout the process – whether through visioning/brainstorming sessions or working meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 4:00 p.m. at the Howes House basement

Notes prepared by Bill Veno