

Energy & Solid Waste Work Group Core

Meeting Notes of November 15, 2006, 4:00 p.m. Howes House, West Tisbury

Members Present: Phil Forest, Don Hatch, Kate Warner

Members Absent: Kitt Johnson, Dick Knabel, Fred Lapiana, Paul Pimentel, Bart Smith, Russell Smith (Chair), Paul Strauss

Present – MVC Staff: Bill Veno, Mark London

The meeting started at 4:10

1. Draft Mission and Goal Statements

Mark observed that the Energy/Waste Work Group Core, by trying to identify draft mission and goal statements this early on, is ahead of the other groups. Discussion of draft mission statements and goal statements from Kate and Phil (mandates 1 and 4 from the Island Plan Steering Committee's Sept. 28 Scope of Work for the Work Groups) resulted in mixing parts from both authors. Mark suggested that the goal should not include how the goal would be achieved. The 'how' statements could be cited as Objectives.

Mission Statement: (The primary expectation and the overall philosophical direction.)

"Our *mission* is to chart a course for the Martha's Vineyard community to address energy and waste issues in ways that are environmentally and economically sound and to design a series of strategies to navigate that course."

Broad Qualitative Goal: (Goal as a timeless statement)

"Our *goal* is to ensure that the Vineyard community becomes energy and waste *neutral*, while remaining interconnected with the world beyond our island."

Note: The concept of energy and waste *neutrality* differs from *independence* in that *independence* requires the Vineyard to create and store all its energy on-island, whereas *neutrality* allows for offsets and credits from off-island sources.

Objectives:

- 1) Reduce the amount of energy that we consume;
- 2) Use available technologies to produce as much of our energy as we can from renewable sources;
- 3) Reduce the amount of waste that we produce and use available technologies to turn the remaining waste into resources for the island.

2. Initial Full Work Group Meeting

As most of the core group members were not in attendance, those present decided to suggest scheduling the kickoff full Work Group meeting on a regular Core Group meeting date. Members thought the late afternoon time was the most convenient, as it is generally harder to get people to venture back out from their homes after dinner. They pushed back to 4:30 the starting time to minimize the time working members might have to leave work. The meeting is scheduled to last one and a half hours.

The structure of the meeting will involve:

- A very short briefing on the Island Plan and explanation of Core group's role
- Briefing on what we know (% breakdowns of consumption/waste and promising opportunities)
- Consensus on the draft mission and goal statements, as well as the objectives
- Break into subgroups by topics used by the Energy Plan – Efficiency, Solar/Wind, Solid Waste/Biomass, and Transportation. Each subgroup will discuss specific ways to implement short-term actions proposed in the Energy Plan and on possible strategies for engaging residents, visitors and businesses into effective behavior and practices.
- Subgroup reports to entire Work Group
- Discussion of next steps for the Work Group

3. Administrative

Bill distributed updated contact information for the core members, which will also be linked to the core group's website workroom. Bill also reported that the Howes House basement is not available for the group's meetings on the first Wednesday's of the month and will seek an alternative.

4. Next Steps

Bill will create simple matrix tables from the core group's previous discussions for examination of how they might be used at the Work Group meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 29, 4:00 p.m. at the Howes House **sun room**

Agenda: 1. Finalize Agenda for Dec 6 Work Group meeting

The meeting concluded at 5:50

Notes prepared by Bill Venio with aid of Kate Warner