

CEUCC Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2011

Commissioners attending: Andrea Ranger, David Lutes, Juliette Rooney-Varga, Eliza Johnston.

Guest: Michelle Bebrin, Somerville Resident

### **Commission Administrative Issues**

Next meeting dates are November 14th and December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **EECBG Residential Energy Efficiency program**

David said that the City is planning a program announcement for November 1 to officially launch the program. The more the City has worked on the loan loss reserve, the less viable it seems as a financing mechanism. The City is trying to figure out what to do – may just add more to grants – e.g. utility pays 75% of insulation work and the city could pay for the remaining 25%. The program is waiting for approval on final grant structure from the Mayor's office.

The program is preparing a mailing to every owner for a 1 to 4 unit apt. with funding from Century Bank.

Also looking at getting Somerville Community Corp and non-English speaking – WELCOME project, and a different group that is Haitian.

David said that the City has a rehab program to help abate lead and asbestos – somewhat income restricted. He has asked USDOE about whether funds could be spent on other rehab issues - the response was that it would be capped at 25% of project monies and could only be spent on code related issues, e.g. a leaking roof is not a code violation and program won't be able to pay for it. We could also target buildings where a resident is income eligible for the rehab program.

### **Green Communities Act Grant**

David said that the response from DOER on the Climate Summit stated that they would fund education program at a homeowner level with the measurable results being how many items have changed in individual households.

Juliette asked about quantitative measures linked to behavior change? What about linking to more bike commuters or reduction of vehicle miles?

She indicated that her review of the state's climate adaptation plan indicated that they want programs and projects should include "seeing things through climate lenses".

David said that he is getting a lot of pressure to finalize grant round because DOER would like to publicize its GHG savings.

He has proposed changing the Prius's to charging systems for hybrid trucks like Ford 250's and 350's which would have close to a 3 year payback.

Commission members feel that we should put pressure on DOER because we haven't really put any pressure on them yet.

David will write up ideas by the end of the week for metrics. Juliette and David will talk.

### **Solar Demonstration Grant**

Andrea said that Martha Broad of MassCEC needs Somerville to utilize the low income PV grant. \$115,000 of money can be made available. Commission member discussed possible locations since the Winter Hill School had problems on the roof. Library – problems-objections from the Somerville Historical Society. Healey School – the roof is not big enough or too much stuff on the roof. Andrea asked about using the new East Somerville Community School.

David noted that we would need a data acquisition system. He will also check into the East Somerville Community School.

### **Next Meeting Agenda**

For the next meeting: We will get copy of Honeywell cost avoidance report – i.e. the guaranteed savings from Honeywell. There are some issues to be reviewed.

Commission adjourned at 8:45.