

MMR ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 24 Jul 08

Time: 2:00-3:30 pm

Location: IRP Conference Room

Agenda: Final MMR Energy Policy – Brian Nickerson
DOE Wind Workshop Summary - Paul Nixon
Community Outreach - E. Kirkpatrick
Energy Star Project - John Brazier, Sr. Env. Corps
MTC turbines - Rose Forbes
Green Communities Act - Rose Forbes/Paul Nixon

Attendees: See attached distribution list

1. Brian Nickerson from the Environmental and Readiness Center (E&RC) provided an overview of the Final MMR Energy Policy. This policy was emailed out with the meeting agenda. The Policy focuses on siting solar and wind energy projects on the base and explains the review process, of which the Energy Committee will have input.
2. Paul Nixon from the Impact Area Groundwater Study Office (IAGWSO) provided a summary of the DOE Federal Wind Workshop held at MMR in May 2008. He discussed the agenda, provided an overview of presentations, and mentioned DOE is planning to form a Federal Wind Working Group. The presentations given at the Workshop will be available on a DOE website. The website will be emailed to the MMR Energy Committee members once it is available.
3. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick from the 102nd IW Environmental Management Office (EMO) summarized community outreach activities she has been working on. She published an article in the Otis Notice announcing the formation of the MMR Energy Committee and also provided Energy Conservation ideas (see attached .pdf document). Elizabeth also met with Lisa Looby from the BX/Commissary to discuss selling compact fluorescent bulbs. Elizabeth also mentioned the BX/Commissary is planning to replace their inefficient freezers. Elizabeth is also in charge of a leak detection survey for water losses as part of a water conservation initiative and she is drafting a letter requesting Commander's support for the energy initiatives. Please contact Elizabeth if you are interested in obtaining a copy of her letter.
4. John Brazier presented the Energy Star Portfolio project he prepared for the AFCEE Bldg 322 (see attached Powerpoint presentation). Based on Elizabeth's mention of the BX/commissary replacing their freezers, John thought that the BX/commissary would make a good Energy Star Portfolio project. John will contact Gerry to discuss the idea.

5. Rose Forbes from AFCEE announced the availability of two Vestas V82 1.65 MW turbines through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. See the following website for additional information: <http://www.mtpc.org/>.
6. Rose Forbes announced the passage of the Green Communities Act (See attached Powerpoint presentation). The Green Communities Act provides many more opportunities for energy conservation and renewable energy in Massachusetts.
7. Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 11 September 2008 in the IRP conference room (Bldg 322 East Inner Road). Please feel free to email me agenda items you would like to discuss. Potential items to be discussed include: (1) the result of the BX/Commissary Energy Star assessment; (2) Energy goals of each organization; (3) scope of energy committee; (4) MMR capacity for wind turbines; etc.
8. Remember to schedule your energy audits if you have not done it yet. Contact Cape Light Compact at <http://www.capelight-compact.org/> or call 1-800-797-6699.
9. Please contact Rose Forbes at 508-968-4670 x 5613 or email rose.forbes@brooks.af.mil if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about the minutes or the MMR Energy Committee.