

City of Somerville, MA

Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change (CEUCC)

September 22, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present:

- Andrea Ranger (Chair), David Lutes, Heather March-Takle, Peter McPhee

Other Attendees Present:

- Dana LeWinter, Director of Housing, City of Somerville
- Russell Koty, Residential Energy Efficiency, City of Somerville

7:05 Meeting called to order

7:10 Presentation by Russell Koty on Somerville's new residential energy efficiency program

- Residential Energy Efficiency Program Background
 - Overview of program
 - Discussion regarding eligible income criteria, whom the criteria apply to (owner or occupant), and flexibility in limitations
 - Program will administer Somerville incentives and facilitate education on other utility, state, and federal incentives
 - Shooting for mid-October program launch
 - Currently aiming for Nov. 30, 2012 shutdown (if no additional funding available)
- Recent Progress
 - Program has initiated an agreement with Century Bank (and possible other banks in the future) to partner with in the Loan Loss Reserve program.
 - Program has met with NSTAR regarding synergies of efficiency benefits
 - Staff will meet with MassSave in near future to learn about state efficiency incentives
- Program Discussions
 - Will NSTAR data be sufficient to serve as metrics for program evaluation? Are there alternatives that should be considered? Recommendations to tie in data requirements with award.
 - Will program reach sufficient homes? Recommendations to reach out to a broader audience of contractors. Also, recommendations to develop goals and timelines to meet targets of numbers of homes. Recommendation to ensure sufficient marketing is done.

- What kind of pre-weatherization issues will be found? Likely Lead, asbestos, wiring, etc. Currently, there is additional assistance through Housing Dept. to address these issues.

8:50 Green Communities Act (GCA) Application Discussion

- David mentions that some portions of the GCA application for funding allocation have been rejected.
 - Climate and Energy Summit
 - Plug-in Hybrid Conversions
- City plans to get clarification from DOER on reasons for rejection and either appeal current application or reapply with additional application ideas
- CEUCC to consider emergency meeting to reapply for GCA funding

9:00 CEUCC Administration

- CEUCC remains one Commissioner short of full number of members
- Next Meeting: Oct. 17

9:10 Meeting Adjourned