

NASWAC Meeting Minutes  
December 4<sup>th</sup> 2008  
DPW Conference Room

Attendees: Tina Klein chair, Steve Daly vice-chair, Keith Alter, Lisa Conti, Susan Almono, Steve Parks, Peter Murley, Judy Walker

- 1) Call to order and confirm minute recorder
  - a. Meeting started at 7pm
  - b. Keith D. Alter to record minutes
  
- 2) Accept last month's minutes  
November meeting minutes accepted
  
- 3) Old Business
  - A. Multi Family- Tina reviewed the draft document that will allow Carolyn Dann to produce an educational tool kit. It will include materials that will help us 'pitch' recycling to property managers and condo associations, and will include materials to help educate the complexes with the new recycling programs. Bruce has signed and returned the scope document to MassDEP.  
We will choose three complexes to us as Beta sites for this program.  
Preliminary selections are:  
Mill pond  
Royal Crest  
Brookside  
Next step is to work with Carolyn Dann on presentation materials and then to contact the Beta sites.  
**Action Item:** Keith will send Beth Mazin's contact information to Judy Walker. Beth will be the contact for Mill Pond
  
  - B. Wheeled Carts: Mid-December delivery is expected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> order of 54 carts. Approx. 27 carts have been pre-ordered. Sales have slowed. **Action Item:** Steve D. will contact the cable about an ad for the Carts. **Action Item:** Tina to send email blast about the availability of wheeled carts.
  
  - C. School Recycling: Lisa C. and Tina K. have been invited to attend a meeting held regularly between the Supr and principles of the schools to present our program. **Action Item: Lisa and Bruce** to coordinate meeting with Superintendents office. Tina will attend if possible.
  
- 4) New Business
  - A. Discussion took place regarding a new charter and direction of NASWAC and possible forming a new "Energy Committee" to look at the energy consumption in municipal, residential and commercial areas of buildings. But instead of focusing

just on energy consumption of buildings, we discussed a more comprehensive framework that would include transportation and waste. Time was spent on the type of organization that would be set. Tina proposed model that includes a Coordinating Committee that will guide three sub-committees: Municipal, Residential and Commercial. Each sub-committee will look at three areas for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas impact: A) Buildings (energy use), B) Transportation and C) Waste. The new model describes approximately 26 roles. Multiple roles may be filled by the same person, and all roles need not be filled at the same time. Included among the Coordinating Committee and sub-committees would be certain town officials and town employees, people with specific expertise and resident volunteers.

The NASWAC committee is in general supportive of this new mission and structure which will effectively disband the current committee. **Action Item:** **Tina** will meet with Mark Rees to review the reorganization proposal and obtain his feedback.

B. Becoming a “Green Community”: Susan and Bruce attended a meeting hosted by DOER which outlined the requirements of becoming a “Green Community” eligible for state funds (\$10 million set aside each year for Green Communities). The bar is set very high. There are many qualifications which we do not currently meet. We may want to discuss the qualifying criteria further at a future meeting.

C. The November 16 MCAN Symposium (MA Climate Action Network) was attended by Tina, Steve D. Steve P. and Susan. Steve D. presented an overview of the process set by David Gershon, the author of the book “The Low Carbon Diet: How to Lose 5000 pounds in 30 Days” (of carbon gas emissions per household). There is interest among NASWAC committee members to beta test the concept by forming the first North Andover “EcoTeam”. The team works together to help each other identify opportunities to reduce energy use and CO2 emissions in our own households. Based on this success, the group would look to generate new EcoTeams in our neighborhoods to expand the concept with the goal of reducing CO2 emissions across a broad spectrum in town. For next month’s agenda: determine next steps

5. Adjourn

Next Meeting(s): 1/8/09 , 2/5/09