

## VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

### SUSTAINABLE GRAFTON AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

The Sustainable Grafton Ad-Hoc Committee meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Chair Pro-tem Roger Kirgues.

Members present: Roger Kirgues, Paul Van de Sand, John Gassert, Laura Weber, Pamela Atterberry, and Jim Brunnquell.

Members absent: Rick Flood and Ginny Plumeau.

Staff/Officials present: Director of Public Works/Village Engineer Dave Murphy

#### PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

None.

#### MINUTES

Motion by John Gassert, seconded by Jim Brunnquell, to approve the January 21, 2009, Sustainable Grafton Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Riveredge Nature Center Partnership: 2009 Sustainability Forum:

Laura Weber reported that the Riveredge Committee will be meeting this evening; therefore, there is very little to report. She stated that the Committee is seeking a grant in the amount of \$1,000. More information will be available at the March meeting.

Paul Van de Sand indicated that a grant application has also been submitted to We Energies in the amount of \$5,000. This grant has not yet been approved.

Laura Weber stated that she has contacted Scott Volkert regarding the NEV (Neighborhood Electric Vehicle) which might be featured at the conference.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Resolution Concerning State Of Wisconsin Office Of Energy Independence 25x25 Initiative

Roger Kirgues stated that he is not in favor of passing this resolution at this time. He requested more information and research on this topic to make sure we know what we are committing the Village to by passing this resolution.

Mr. Kirgues then explained other alternate energy programs such as "Energy for Tomorrow". Through this program, We Energies is pursuing alternate energy

sources, such as wind farms. Mr. Kirgues explained that, through this program, residents and businesses can purchase green energy at a premium. This would be one way the Village could provide part of the energy independence required in the resolution.

Paul Van de Sand stated that he currently does this at his home, since he is in the green energy business.

Dave Murphy stated that due to the expenditure restraint program, the Village would have trouble budgeting for an increase in the electrical rate for green energy.

Mr. Kirgues stated that wind energy is much more expensive than gas and coal, at this time.

Discussion took place on ways the Village could meet the 25X25 initiative, which included solar heat, electric cars, and other energy saving measures.

Motion by Jim Brunnuquell, seconded by Paul Van de Sand, to table this item. Approved unanimously.

#### **NEXT STEPS FOR AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Roger Kirgues indicated that the Committee should clarify how the Village will comply with the 25X25 initiative.

Jim Brunnuquell requested a report on the LEED aspects being incorporated into the new Public Works facility.

Paul Van de Sand stated that Photo Solar energy has been added to the grant program, he will bring information to the March, meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Jim Brunnuquell, seconded by Paul Van de Sand, to adjourn at 4:54 p.m. Approved unanimously.