

HAINES BOROUGH
Energy and Sustainability Commission
September 29, 2009
Approved December 9, 2009

1. Roll Call – 6:00 pm

Members present: Melissa ARONSON (presiding chair), Leonard DUBBER, Danny GONCE, Scott HANSEN, Frank HOLMES, Gary LIDHOLM, Bud STEWART, Dan WACKERMAN

Members absent: Andy HEDDEN

Staff present: Stephanie SCOTT (Haines Borough Energy & Sustainability Coordinator)

Visitors present: none

2. Approval of Agenda – accepted

3. Approval of Minutes

a. August 18, 2009

M/S GONCE/DUBBER to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment

5. Commissioners' Reports

6. Coordinator's Report

SCOTT noted that her employment period with the Borough is complete, though she still is active as they are contemplating for the next couple months how to proceed with the Commission.

7. Old Business

a.

Budget and Purpose Statement for Energy Sustainability Commission

ARONSON said that, in order to be able to plan for a possible second year of Commission existence, the Assembly has asked for a Scope of Work and budget for both the Commission and support staff, whether an existing paid staff or a Coordinator.

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M/S GONCE/HANSEN to suspend Robert's rules of order to be able to discuss more freely both points without a motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Coordinator/staff position was discussed. It was agreed that a Coordinator would be less shackled by an existing schedule and less compromised by a missing/new manager. Also, a Coordinator would cost the Borough less overall because there would be no union expenses, and the position is temporary anyway. It was also noted that staff are not free to be a communication link from the Commission to the Assembly.

M/S GONCE/HANSEN to return to Robert's rules of order.

Motion carried unanimously.

M/S DUBBER/WACKERMAN to recommend to the Assembly the draft Scope of Work for Energy Sustainability Commission as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Budget and tasks for Haines Borough Energy Sustainability
Coordinator

M/S WACKERMAN/HOLMES to recommend to the Assembly the draft budget for Energy Sustainability Commission as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

M/S GONCE/ WACKERMAN to recommend to the Assembly that the Commission staff and Coordinator position be retained under one person.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business

SCOTT said that two presentations will be held in the library: Mold and moisture In the Home, a presentation by Dr. Sonja Koukel, University of Alaska October 7 at 7-8:30pm. Adapting Solar Energy to Your Alaskan Home will be presented by Professor Rich Seifert, UA, on October 8 from 4:00-8:45pm.

9. Public Comment

10. Commission Comments

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GONCE said that AP&T's power rates are affected by significant local property tax and lease rate increases. He also said that local hydros are full of water. Local projects are still in the planning phases, and Schube Lake is being investigated as a potential hydro source east of Lynn Canal.

11.Next Meetings:

SCOTT said that the next meeting would be dependent on the Assembly, as on August 25 the Commission was authorized for two more months.

12.Adjourn – 7:30 pm.

Minutes Prepared by
Scott HANSEN
Recorder

Minutes Submitted by
Stephanie SCOTT
Energy Sustainability Coordinator