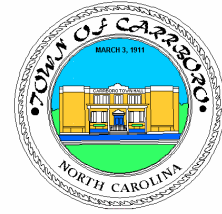


TOWN OF CARRBORO

CLIMATE AND ENERGY TASK FORCE – SUMMARY



Kick-off Meeting on February 9th, 2015, 7:00 pm, Town Hall Room 100

Task Force Members		Guests	Staff
Carolyn Buckner	Haven-O'Donnell	Simon Vincent	Randy Dodd
Jeanette O'Connor	Rob Pinder	Paul Konove	
Jeff Herrick	Sammy Slade		
Kathy Kaufman (chair)			

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Mr. Vincent introduced himself as a member of the local Homebuilders Association and Mr. Konove as a green builder based in Chatham County. The Task Force used a draft document pulled together by Kathy and Rob with review from Randy as the basis for discussion. The document addressed these major topics:

Focus area 1: Reduce energy use for Town of Carrboro buildings

Invest in energy efficiency improvements. Reinvest utility bill savings in future projects.

Focus area 2: Improve Town of Carrboro codes, rules, and policies to encourage energy efficiency in the community

1. *Require energy audit at time of sale or lease.* Recommendation : Town staff to review and provide feedback as to Town authority and resources needed to implement
2. *Require that buildings be retrofitted to meet modern energy efficiency standards at time of sale.* Recommendation: Town staff to review and provide feedback as to Town authority and resources needed to implement
3. *Calculate property taxes on the basis of energy use and property value rather than property value alone.* Recommendation : Town staff, in consultation with County, to review and provide feedback as to Town authority and resources needed to implement.

Focus area 3: Sponsor community programs to improve energy efficiency

What kind of community program would we recommend that the Town seek to support?

1. *Multifamily buildings* : see property tax idea above
2. *Single family homes*

Finance upfront costs. Investigate the System Vision program.

Education and awareness of no cost actions. Build on the success of the Pete Street program.

Subsidized audits to help homeowners prioritize. Perhaps the Town of Carrboro could sponsor a program similar to the EConservation Home Energy Improvements program, or partner with Chapel Hill or the County to do so if it is not renewed.

3. *Commercial buildings*

Revolving loan fund. How can we grow and better publicize the availability of the revolving loan fund for energy efficiency retrofits? Should management and outreach be contracted out?

Investigate Waste Reduction Partners, which is a state program.

Focus area 4: Improve community group's capacity to conduct energy efficiency programs

Recommend how the Town could build corporate/nonprofit partnerships. For example: *sponsor an incubator to find business models that improve community energy efficiency.* "Launch" business accelerator was mentioned as an example that could provide a new/nascent organization with connections and mentoring.

Sammy mentioned that he has just asked our local legislative delegation last week to pursue a local bill for Carrboro to allow Carrboro to enforce Appendix 4 of the 2012 Energy Conservation Code. Simon recommended an approach based on incentives rather than regulations.

Kathy and Rob agreed to synthesize the discussion into the next iteration of the Task Force's work related to buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.