

## **Energy Team Summary: 2/25/16**

**Attending:** Roger Eberhardt, LeRoy Harvey, John Sarver, Heidi Porter, JoAnn Render, Bob Wasserman, Judy Kindel

**Haslett Community Church Update:** LeRoy and John met with HCC to discuss their plans for a rooftop solar system, community solar, and next step. They've received bids for a large 30KW array but may go with a 20KW system due to current regulations. They have a "Green Team" and are working with Michigan Interfaith Power and Light's Stewards of Hope Program ([www.miipl.org/stewardsofhope](http://www.miipl.org/stewardsofhope)) The Township has received positive feedback from this visit and hope to move forward and keep us in the loop.

**Climate Sustainability Plan Research:** Judy provided an overview of her suggestion to develop a climate sustainability plan and how it relates to past and current goals and plans. Several committee members reviewed East Lansing's plan which was established in 2009. It's a bit shorter (at 20 pages), than Ann Arbor's 188 page document and could be used as a template. We discussed inviting a rep from EL's Environmental Commission to our next meeting (possibly Shanna Draheim) on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Note: LeRoy talked to John Kinch, at Roger and Shanna's suggestion. He's not available on the 25<sup>th</sup>, but offered some suggestions: 1) Think about reaching beyond the "internal" – but **focus on 1 or 2 key priorities**, such as building codes, commercial sector, etc. 2) **Keep it short** and sweet with short and longer term goals. Commissioners and Boards have a fairly quick turnover, and it helps to prioritize items that can be accomplished in shorter time frame.*

- Climate Sustainability could also be the topic of a forum or HOMTV panel discussion.
- Roger shared [Traverse City's 33p. plan](#) which was developed in 2011. H2O is a big focus, due to the quick payback.
- Roger and John are developing a draft to share with the Energy Team and others who might wish to be involved – Such as the Environmental Commission.
- LeRoy will share an Energy & Recycling Update with the Environmental Commission next week.
- LeRoy mentioned an article from Planning & Zoning News by John Warbach, Meridian resident.

(these resources are posted here: <http://recycle.meridian.mi.us/energy>)

### **Other Updates**

- Potential HOM-TV Panel Discussion or Interview: "Is Solar Right for YOU" featuring folks who have or are installing solar PV.
- Heidi will be hosting a Vegan "Green Meet-up" discussion on Sunday. More at <http://www.meetup.com/Lansing-Greener-Living-Meetup/>
- State action on Net Metering appears on hold for now.
- Energy Workshop Series will be held at Michigan Energy Options. Next is Mar 17 on Smart Grids with Pat Hudson. Zero Energy Homes on Apr 21 and More! See: <http://recycle.meridian.mi.us/news/2016-Mar.pdf>

**Next Meeting:** March 25 – Time to be decided (depending upon Shanna's schedule)