

CFE meeting
March 11, 2013

Air and Energy Resources Committee

Potential topics for RENEW public workshops or forums

- What kinds of energy-efficiencies would produce jobs?
- Chapel Hill's WISE program / Pete Street home energy-savings program
- Clean Energy Durham model information
- Reserving land for solar energy generation in subdivisions (CFE memo – Dec 2011)
- Property tax reduction/rebate for energy efficient construction (CFE memo – Dec 2011)
[Bring in local gov'ts that have tried this; estimate payback period, etc.]
- More "bang for the buck" with commercial energy efficiencies, rather than residential
- Focus on initiatives that help people/businesses save money
- Any relevant priorities from the County's Economic Development Commission?
- Eliminating or altering existing policies or code provisions that hinder energy conservation at the county level
[Shaw suggested meeting with Susan Mellott (retiring) and/or Michael Harvey for ideas]

Develop new County webpage devoted to informing citizens about energy conservation

- Identify tools that people can use easily
- Links to many other established programs and opportunities

Orange County Energy Fair

- Wayne Fenton organized Energy Fair for County employees (4-5 years ago, Hillsborough)
- The audience would be homeowners and businesses
- Include vendors and utility companies

Energy Walks/Tours

- Provide tours of homes, buildings, businesses for people to see and learn
- Energy efficient windows, insulation, caulking, water heating, etc.
- Display booth at Hillsborough's Last Fridays street festival (April – Sept.)

OWASA considering reducing water fees for new homes that meet certain water-savings criteria