

Report of the Fremont Energy Committee

The Fremont Energy Committee (FEC) was formed in 2007 through the Board of Selectmen's Office in follow-up to the Town Meeting vote regarding reduction of carbon emissions / green house gases. A short time thereafter there was a significant increase in the cost of energy. So the reduction in the use of fossil based energy became a cost savings issue as well as a green house gas reduction goal.

In 2010 the FEC continued to have as its purpose the reduction of the use of fossil based energy in order to reduce costs and the emission of green house gases. The FEC continues to focus on the energy use in Fremont's public buildings and to provide energy efficiency and alternative renewable energy information to the public.

In May of 2010 we were pleased to celebrate the installation of solar electrical generation panels at the Fremont Public Safety Complex. This was purchased and installed at no cost to tax payers. The system is expandable but is initially intended as a demonstration project for the community including students.

Also during 2010 the FEC, through the Board of Selectmen, applied for multiple energy-related grants. Two of the applications were approved. The first was a formal energy audit including recommendations for the Ellis School and Fremont Public Safety Complex and the second was for a solar hot water heating system at the Fremont Public Safety Complex. At the year end the energy audit was underway. Both projects are funded by non-property taxpayer funds and should be completed in 2011

The FEC continues to be comprised of volunteers who have an interest in their community, energy efficiency and the reduction of green gases. The FEC meets approximately monthly for about two hours and participate in occasional events, workshops and projects as they come up and members are available. The FEC is always looking for additional members that would like to get involved. Please contact the FEC through the Selectmen's Office or Town website if you would like to learn more or attend one of the FEC meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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*"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless
we make it a good place for all of us to live in."*

~Theodore Roosevelt

Fremont Safety Complex
May 15, 2010
Solar Panel Electricity Generation System



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L to R: Paul Adams (Fremont resident and Walmart management);
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