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December 14, 2009 Meeting

Brookline Town Hall, 333 Washington Street

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Paul Harris convened the meeting, and introduced those present.

BCF Barn Raising - Tommy Vitolo, who was unable to stay for the meeting, announced that this Saturday, December 19, the fourth day of a barn raising retrofit supervised by the Green Guild will take place at the building owned by the Brookline Community Foundation at 40 Webster Place. All are invited to help out for as little or as much time as they have available.

Attendance/Contact List - David Lowe raised the issue of whether our Attendance/Contact List should be circulated to the CCAB Yahoo Group with each monthly meeting's draft minutes. There was considerable discussion of the pros and cons, and Paul Harris suggested a compromise, which was adopted by consensus. That is, a column or check-off box will be added to the sheet so that any one who wishes to have his or her contact information redacted may so indicate.

Holiday Gift and Action Pack - Mary Dewart distributed a packet to each member present:

NSTAR Green sign-up brochures – we should each try to sign up one additional person

Invitation to January 10, 2010 "Brookline 2010" Kick-Off Event - A sign-up list for people to volunteer to work at the event—arriving an hour early, at 2:00 p.m.—was circulated, and a majority of those present volunteered.

CCAB Business Cards - Each member can write his or her name and contact information on the back.

Holiday Cookies! :-)

Fund Raising - Paul reported that well over 100 fundraising letters have been sent out. They offer the option of donating online, and we have already received a \$500 donation from a non-member—a person with whom Paul talked during one of our door-to-door canvasses.

Eco Teams - Paul and Mary reported on work being coordinated by Susan Martin to develop partner organizations for Eco Teams (which use the Low Carbon Diet model). Teams should start meeting in January, after the holidays.

Weatherization - Dakota Butterfield has been talking with other CCAB members and is looking into developing an insulation and weatherization barn-raising initiative modeled on work done in Cambridge.

NSTAR Green Outreach - Ed Loechler reported on a very successful effort—on December 6 at the Brookline Flu Clinic (at BHS)—to recruit people to the NSTAR

Green program. He encouraged us all to be alert to other unanticipated opportunities.

Vigil - Marcia Hnatowich reported on the December 13 candlelight vigil in Coolidge Corner that she organized in conjunction with 350.org's worldwide effort to send a message to our representative at the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference.

The business portion of the meeting was closed.

Presentation - "Climate Change on the Couch: Understanding Human Behavior"
Paul introduced David Pantalone, this month's speaker. He made a presentation, and led a discussion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Our next two meetings will, as usual, begin in Room 103, Town Hall, 333 Washington Street, Brookline, with a business meeting at 7:00 p.m. and continue at 7:30 p.m. with presentations, as follows:

Monday, January 11, 2010 – Susan Martin and Mary Dewart: "Eco Teams"

Monday, February 8, 2010 – Rich Rosen (of the Tellus Institute)