

Dunbarton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes, **Oct. 15, 2012**

Members Present: Ted Vallieres, George Holt, John Stevens

Meeting opened at 7:12 PM

1. Public Comment

None

2. Minutes approval approved

3. Project reports:

- Button Up Workshop: Discussed alternate approaches in light of possible discontinuation of this program including education of LEC members as presenters and availability of videos from past presentations.
- Local residents' home energy improvements performed by DEC members: Possible liability issues. Need to educate LEC members, restrict to simple actions or set up referrals to programs through Town services. Andy Duncan, who heads up the Lakes Region Community College building and energy programs will make a list of possible education for members to review and rate. He will be available to make presentations to LECs.
- Discussed the possibility of utilizing services through organizations like Community Connect, see whether they would add an energy related category of home helpers. They currently charge \$15 / hour for home assistance services.
- Town Office insulation: Budget availability indicates this will be a next-year project. Some concern that the basement will be colder without the old leaky ducts, affecting plumbing in the crawl spaces.
- School solar: Still waiting on plumber to schedule installation of new anti-thermosiphon check valve.
- School RCx heating system evaluation: Working with the School CIC on an RFP set to go out to bid shortly.

4. Community outreach, new ideas.

- Central NH Energy Committee Roundtable: A new sub-committee has been set up to organize activities around tasks and pool resources for use by LECs.
- Transitions: The town has arranged with a resident to take away the existing pile, currently too large to organize with present Town equipment, and start a new system in the spring using existing concrete barrier blocks to define pile aging sequence.

5. Publicity:

- Follow up on resident offer to use their home solar system to generate interest: George and John will follow up with a resident who has come forward.

6. New Business:

- There is interest in setting up a structure at the Transfer Station to shelter used/reuse items. Is there a way we can support this and utilize it for other uses to divert more items from the waste stream?

Next meeting Monday, Nov. 19.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens