

Dunbarton Energy Committee Meeting Minutes, Feb. 18, 2013

Members Present: Bob Ray, Lee Richmond, Kris Hanson, Wayne Bracy, Ted Vallieres, John Stevens
Meeting opened at 7:07 PM

1. Public Comment

None

2. Jan 21, 2013 Minutes approval

Approved

3. Report on Feb. 14 Solar presentation in Henniker attended by Wayne and Bob.

Presented by Chris Pinkham, Pinkham Building and Solar Services, Hillsboro, NH. Primary focus was on solar hot water, emphasis on vacuum tube type panels which are easier to mount and more efficient at northern latitudes. Discussion followed on the merits of the different types. It was mentioned that in Dunbarton, with its many trees, some tree clearing would be needed for many installations.

4. Project reports:

Button Up Workshop:

As funding is unlikely in 2013, this is currently being investigated at the Central NH Regional Planning Comm. Energy Committee Roundtable could do with volunteer presenters at central locations.

Neighbors Warming Neighbors program:

Review public notice and poster;

Members reviewed notices written by Lee Richmond and Bob Ray. With added input from all, Lee and Bob will finish the final version by Fri., Feb. 22 and will then be distributed.

Notice distribution, Who, How;

Distribute through Dunbarton Congregational Church, Town Welfare Office, Library e-mail list, and the Town website. Bob Ray mentioned that he has received one person who has expressed interest.

Sourcing of materials;

There is interest by Town committees and associations to donate to purchase materials for starting the program. Further materials may come from homeowners who can afford them and local businesses.

Availability of tools

Basic diagnostic tools are commonplace, an IR sensor gun is available from the Library. John may have a window fan to do non-calibrated blower tests.

Who:

Most members present volunteered to go out on visits to homes, one or two per visit. John and Bob will provide refresher videos for members and John will make cheat sheets listing weatherization programs with incentives which will assist homeowners to afford weatherization measures including energy audits.

School RCx heating system evaluation:

The contractor's report was received in early January. The School CIC needs more definition from the report to identify specific projects to present to the School Board. In addition to several maintenance tasks, the contractor suggests re-programming the heating system control system to, for example, turn off the fresh air makeup blowers when the school is not occupied. As payback on most measures is less than one year, additional budget items may not be needed. Most may be able to be paid for out of this year's heating, electric and maintenance budgets.

5. Community outreach, new ideas.

Plans are being made for the continuation of the LEC Roundtable at the Concord Regional Planning Commission.

Transitions:

No new activity

6. Publicity:

See above.

7. New Business:

There is interest in replacing the School's hot water recirculation system with point-of-use tankless water heaters. Significant savings are available.

Next meeting Monday, Mar. 18, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted: John Stevens