Minutes Energy Committee Meeting April 21, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE: John Stevens, George Holt, Kristine Hanson, Ron Slocum, Wayne Bracy, Lee Richmond, Dan VanKalken, Steve?

Members disclosed their profession or area of expertise (as relating to bringing knowledge and experience to the Energy Committee).

George brought to the table the Energy Meter he obtained through a donor and discussed how it is to be used. The Energy Meter will be available (for borrowing) at the Town Library.

Steve volunteered to obtain 2 more Energy Meters by donation.

Ron will find web links to calculators for interpreting the Energy Meter data.

John discussed the meter at Syracuse and will send a link to Steve who will research this subject. George and John reiterated the importance of allowing public access to information discussed among Energy Committee members.

Members discussed the online "forum" or "threaded discussion" inviting public comment on the website as an appropriate place for this to happen. There was discussion about future Energy Committee website and its appearance and usage.

John discussed his communications with the school board regarding the energy audit for the school building, and Steve agreed to be in attendance with John at the next School Board meeting to discuss going forward with the school energy audit.

Members discussed the availability of grants for audit purposes and it was questioned who would write the grants. It was decided that the school would write the grant, and the Energy Committee would encourage and support as necessary.

Dan discussed the work that the Recycling Committee is doing regarding single stream recycling. John discussed the list he compiled of books that would be useful at the library. Members discussed the importance of "pre-vetting" information available to the public.

The ice dam at the school was discussed.

It was decided to leave the Committee member terms the same as the current 2 years. Members may resign or re-up at will.

It was decided to see if it is possible to have a booth at the celebration of the 100th birthday of the Town Hall Building.

Meeting dates, time and frequency was discussed and members gave John their preferences for him to come up with a monthly meeting time.

Members discussed structure of the committee, and whether there should be officers. Steve and George will be co-chair persons.

NEXT MEETING: May 18,2009 7:00 p.m.