

Minutes
Energy Committee Meeting
Sept. 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by John Stevens at 7:00 PM

Members present: Stevyn Dodd, John Stevens, George Holt (& Colin Holt)

Item 1: Members discussed the reduced attendance and involvement over the past few months and the need to re-energize the Committee. It was felt that while members' summer activities and personal schedule conflicts may have contributed to reduced involvement of members, we need more exciting and vibrant activities. Stevyn Dodd offered to head up organizing and managing new activities and projects. John Stevens said that he is able to continue the tasks of energy inventory, audit vendor search, funding, Committee meetings and agenda and meeting with the Selectmen and School Board but is not able to also give the focus needed for new Committee activities and projects. Both of these functions need leadership status for working with other organizations in the pursuit of these functions. As a result of the discussion, two motions were made, seconded and passed:

1. John Stevens and Stevyn Dodd will share the Chairmanship, each becoming Co-Chairs with John continuing his present audit, inventory, agenda and Committee operation tasks and representing the Committee to the Town and School Board and the Statewide Energy Committees and Stevyn organizing and managing new projects.
2. Members who have scheduling problems limiting their ability to regularly attend monthly meetings can become resource members. Many other energy committees have this format. Resource members would remain on the roll, receive all communications, participate in Committee forum discussions and be able to vote in meetings they are able to attend. They may be called on to consult or contribute to projects in their skill areas as their available time permits. The Town refers to these members as Alternates.

Item 2: John Stevens reported that Lee Richmond had written and mailed the application to the NE Grassroots Environment Fund for the graphics design and programming portions of the new energy Committee Webpage. The other facets of the webpage development will be done by members.

Item 3: John Stevens reported that the Town has applied to the NH Municipal Assistance Program operated by SDES Group, J. H. Taylor & assoc. and CleanAir-CoolPlanet with a grant from the NH PUC RGGI funds. This is not a grant to us but is services subsidized by a PUC grant to CleanAir-CoolPlanet. It includes an energy inventory, walkthrough audits for one building each in 50 towns, an investment grade energy audit on one building each in 5 towns, energy policy audit form land use and zoning in up to 6 towns and assistance and counsel on energy matters. The selectmen prefer focus on the Fire/Police building. We will still apply for a Stimulus funding grant as originally intended as well as an expected services offering from Stimulus. All are competitive applications so acceptance is not assured and we can decline an award to proceed with the most favorable award. Similar opportunities as well as application for Ice Dam Project funding will be pursued for the School.

Item 4: We will be organizing a tour to Les Hammond's son's geothermal heating installation in early October, probably before the next Energy Committee meeting. Colin Holt gave the members a thorough and accurate explanation of geothermal heating he had learned in school last year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM Next energy Committee meeting is Monday, Oct. 19 at 7:00 PM