

Enfield Energy Committee Minutes

"To identify energy savings for the Town and energy savings opportunities for the community".

Meeting Date: Tuesday, Oct 21, 2014 Time: 5:15 PM

Location: DPW, Enfield, NH

I Call to order

Attending: Phil Vermeer, Charlie DePuy, Erik Russell, Jim Fenn, Larry Battis, Dave Levesque, Alisa Bonnette, Kim Quirk, Holly West

II Approval of minutes

- Meeting Minutes from July were approved
- We voted to approve Holly as the 5th full member; Jim and Erik as alternate members (Thank you for agreeing to help out!!) **Alisa will** bring these member names to the selectboard for approval.

III Public Comment

IV Old Business

Energy Chapter

Charlie reported that **Scott Osgood was helping** him get the chapter, which has been approved by this committee, into the master plan. It may take awhile due to Scott's schedule and the rest of the Master Plan schedule.

Solarize the Upper Valley

Spring deadline for round 3 - Kim reported on how this program works: Vital Communities has a grant to encourage communities to "go solar". The program is structured in tiers - the more residents that sign up in your community, the lower the price will be. Enfield might have a better chance of getting into the final round (round 3) if we partner with Lebanon.

Charlie is the current chair for the "solarize enfield" sub-committee and will call meetings as required. Erik Russell and Holly West would like to be on this committee -- others can join as the program gets going. Probably won't need to start meeting in earnest until after the new year, though Charlie may try to get a meeting this year with Lorraine Kelly, who is heading up the Lebanon committee.

Update on DPW lights

Jim suggested that we ask the selectboard to agree that all replacements of outdated or broken equipment (including fluorescent light bulbs) be replaced with more energy efficient versions. Specifically, we are asking that all Fluorescent bulbs be replaced with LED as they fail. **Alisa will** bring that suggestion to the selectboard and get back to us.

We can see the hall lights that have been changed over to LED - the ones with no "off" switch. That should be saving some money... but the lights in the kitchen and meeting room are very bright and could probably use an LED make-over. We decided that we should use this year's energy committee budget to replace some fluorescents in these rooms with LEDs.

Alisa will provide the budget number and check to see if our next meeting can be at the DPW; **kim will** place the order. If we do have our next meeting (in Jan) at the DPW, we will plan on changing out some lights! (Dave Levesque is a Master Electrician, will be there).

Erik would like the streetlight near him to be removed. We suggested that he write a request and ask to bring it before the selectboard. The energy committee would support this

(accompany him at the selectboard meeting) and figure out how to get it approved, what the next steps are, and then how to encourage others to do the same. It might be good to talk to your neighbors and have that info in your request.

V New Business

Reply to Listserv about electric bill:

We discussed whether we should reply as the energy committee... or if individuals should reply as themselves and feel free to add that they are an energy committee member (or add this below their signature line).

Erik suggested we should reply about various types of energy efficiency steps we have taken and mention the solarize enfield task force. **Charlie** also thought he might do this and invite people to contact him (or any energy committee member) if they would like to be involved.

VI Other Items

- Next meeting, **January 13, 2015**. DPW??, 5:15pm. (alisa will get back to us for final location)

BOLD indicates action item.