

Jaffrey Energy Committee  
Minutes of Meeting – 3/26/2009

Present: Dick Ames, Margaret Dillon, Ed Surprenant, Doug Clayton, Doug Starr, Rob Stephenson, Andy Jones

Absent: Harry Young, Bonnie Mitchell

The 2/26/09 minutes were reviewed and approved.

The status of the Streetlight Committee's plan was discussed. The plan was on display at the polls on March 3 and at Town Meeting on March 10. Feedback so far has been mostly positive. Public listening sessions are scheduled for March 31 and April 2. More information has been coming in regarding the use of LEDs in streetlights and this will be examined by the Committee.

Doug Starr presented the two proposals for funding from Greenhouse Gas Emissions Funds that the Town submitted on March 23, 2009, in response to the New Hampshire Public Utility Commissions. Both proposals, one for energy audits and the other for a solar photovoltaic feasibility study, were based on recommendations made by the Energy Committee.

Doug Clayton presented information on the Transition Town Movement.

Margaret Dillon presented information on Peterborough's building code initiative. She also reported that NH is currently reviewing the new IECC for 2009 and appears to be on track to adopt its provisions, including this new Code's significant energy efficiency and conservation rules for new construction.

Margaret Dillon presented preliminary information on her recent energy audit of the Town Offices building. The blower door test revealed incredible air leakage. Introduction of an air barrier in appropriate locations would not be difficult and would make a huge difference. A complete written report on the audit will be available this summer.

Ed Surprenant agreed to look into a grant opportunity from NEGEF and, possibly, will try to develop a grant application for the Energy Committee.

After discussion of the status of the pellet boiler that has been proposed for the wastewater treatment facility, the Committee requested that Dick Ames send a letter to the selectmen asking that the project be re-submitted for approval to the Town voters at a special Town Meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for 7 PM, Thursday, April 30, 2009, at the Town Library.