

Lee Energy Committee Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019

Members present: Lou Grondin, Barb Wauchope, Mary Woodward
Guest: Bill Stevens

The minutes of the January 9, 2019, meeting were approved.

Lou will attend an all-day NH Saves seminar for commercial buildings in Portsmouth on February 13.

Lou confirmed that the LED upgrade in the Transfer Station is completed. A note in the Jan 11 *Town Crier* reported that the anticipated savings from the LED upgrade project, including in the PSC, is \$6,000.

Bill Stevens informed the LEC group that, related to a potential blower-door test for the PSC, he had just completed a walkthrough of the building with a potential bidder who identified several areas of likely costly air leakage. The bid will and related sample project analysis information will be circulated when the bid arrives. The BOS approved the expenditure of up to \$1500 for the testing project.

The group discussed aspects of the anticipated energy efficiency standards and features of the new town building complex, including the possible siting for a solar panel array. Lou will contact a Revision Energy representative for more specific information on various allowable parameters of the set-up, including potential linkage to a system that would be housed at the Transfer Station.

An ORCSD representative approached the LEC and Sustainability Committee about a possible meeting with an intern hired by the ORCSD to investigate the possibility of an EV-charging system at Mast Way. Lou and Paul Gasowski of the Lee Sustainability Committee have indicated their interest in meeting with the intern. To help inform the context, Mary will collect and distribute information, including recent initiatives in the NH legislature, on the current prospects for EVs in New Hampshire. Lou commented that available rebates, credits, and lower repair costs currently seem to make an EV purchase worth consideration.

Related to the LEC's possible municipal membership in the new Clean Energy New Hampshire program, Mary will investigate the specifics of the benefit offered. The program offers technical assistance, policy communication, and other benefits to municipal members.

Barb will attend the February 20 Children's Museum of New Hampshire solar array ribbon-cutting event in Dover to represent Lee, which donated bonus panels earned through Lee's participation in the successful Button Up program launched in 2017.

Related to her updating Lee's usage data in the EPA Energy Portfolio database, Barb also plans to attend an EPA-benchmarking seminar.

Related to a Town Vision Committee query for input from the from the LEC, Lou will contact Bambi Miller for available details on energy efficiency aspects currently proposed for the new buildings. The LEC will explore possible cost-savings related to the PSC's summer air-conditioning bills.

The LEC will try to schedule a meeting with the Lee police and fire chiefs to get a fuller understanding of the chiefs' perspectives on use of (by their personnel) and requirements for both the PSC and also the proposed new town buildings.