

Lee Energy Committee Meeting Minutes April 4, 2017

Participants: Barbara Wauchope, Mary Woodward, Lou Grondin, Laurel Cox, Sharon Meeker

Guests: Roger Rice

The discussion focused on where to best use our funding (\$9,900) for 2018, beginning July 1, 2017.

Given the volatility of the fossil fuel industry, it seems best to consider focusing on the more stable electricity market and give most consideration to replacing the fluorescent building lights in the recycling center and possibly the public safety building with LED lights. We are checking on the outdoor lighting to consider replacing them also. We are also very interested in getting the swap shop relocated so that it can make use of excess energy that is produced in the recycling center, Barbara Wauchope will contact both ReVision and perhaps other energy companies, and Lou, who has had Yankee Thermal work on his house, will contact them. Both will work with the Lee town office to arrange for an appropriate date for on-site meetings with representatives from these two companies. Eversource and the New Hampshire Co-op will also be contacted

There were several other minor projects such as insulation of the fuel tank in the recycling center which at present is uninsulated and heated by electricity. It was suggested that building a little enclosure with a door and spraying insulation inside would help a great deal. (2)

We also discussed how best to assist with getting the town buildings' names consistent, so that each building has only one name that is used by all.

Also discussed were the following:

- How to make the recently completed update on the town's energy plan accessible to the public

- How best to store documents

- Finding grants to assist with costs of the action plan. It was noted that some of the larger projects such as the swap shop. Smaller projects may meet the criteria of the Grassroots Conservancy.

We are working on an action plan that has costs and savings, a rationale for choosing the projects, and a timeline for the completion of the work.

The next meeting of the Energy Committee is Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m. at the Lee Public Safety Building. All regular meetings are open to the public.