

Lyme Energy Committee
Minutes
21 April 2008

Present: Carola Lea, Sue MacKenzie, Shirley Tullar, Matt Brown, Dan O'Hara, Simon Carr

Guests: Mike Morton, Jim Argentati

Absent: Claudia Kern, Tom Hunton, Gary Phetteplace, Becky Lovejoy

Membership and term expirations

Sue MacKenzie — 2011

Claudia Kern — 2009

Carola Lea — 2009

Matt Brown — 2010

Dan O'Hara — 2010

Tom Hunton — 2010

Becky Lovejoy — 2011

Shirley Tullar — 2011

Simon Carr — Selectboard Representative

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as written

Topic: Open House — Energy Tour

Discussion:

- Mike: Passed around draft of poster and program. Matt and Shirley updated their entries.
- Publicity: Church newsletter (Rebecca contacted?), Lyme list
- Simon: Have we confirmed garage?
- Matt: Need to use all bays of garage? Depends on number of vendors and weather.
- Carola: Renting a tent — used to be \$25; more now. Those Guys also have a tent
- In nice weather, could have tables outside
- Matt: Fit 2 or 3 vendors in boiler room?
- Simon: Old salt shed still there, and empty
- Dan: Boy Scouts can't do refreshments. Will check on 8th grade.
- Carola: Acknowledge town garage in program?
- Carola: Mention in the poster who's doing refreshments
- Mike: LBC has tables, but not convenient. Can we pay for tables if they want?
- Carola: Ramsdens might have tables.
- Dan: Foamtech isn't coming to the Open House.
- Carola: Leaving 26 April for a few days.
- Matt: Could we keep records of vendors and be a clearinghouse for information on local installers?
- Mike: We'll likely have a table of books from the Norwich Bookstore, not selling them but taking orders.

Action:

- Matt: double-check with Fred and Steve about garage; tell them Mike or Becky will be in touch.

- Rebecca: visit garage to see the space
- Carola: call Don about a tent
- Dan: check with 8th grade about refreshments
- Mike: add to program: acknowledgement of garage
- Carola: ask Ramsdens about tables.
- Mike: call Curt Shepherd

Topic: Town Offices Committee — Energy Committee Representative?

Discussion:

- Simon: Maximum 7 on committee, including Frank Bowles, who's interested in energy issues. Short-term costs may be the problem.
- Matt: Our role might be fundraising.
- Simon: Classic energy efficiency things don't work in an office. Could be fundraising for photovoltaic array adjoining building. Array could be after construction, but probably not long after.
- Mike: Will building be emergency command center?
- Simon: Yes, replaces fire station for that. Might mean a smaller generator, but not replacing the generator.

Topic: Report from visit to Energy Star home and Viesman Solar energy system

Discussion:

- Sue and Matt: Met with Curt Sheperd and John (last name ?) to see Energy Star Plus development in Hartford. "From the foundation up", insulated basement, small evacuated-tube solar collector and small backup propane boiler provide all heat and hot water for a large house. Relationship with Viesman (worldwide company) interesting: Curt is using panels for heat — you can also use them for cooling. Home show example: \$11,000 for solar plus propane boiler, then \$2,000 less from tax credit. Viesman is German-made, very reliable; come with a good warranty. Might be more expensive for more quality. These models are now "old hat" in Germany.

Topic: Town energy use

Discussion:

- Jim: What are we doing to reduce town energy use? School food and energy waste (lights on).
- Matt: New solar heating system proposed for school. Recent meeting discussed ride-sharing.
- Jim: Advance Transit in Lyme?
- Simon: AT would have to purchase another vehicle for \$100,000. Lyme won't pay that.
- Sue: Our role is more educational.
- Jim: Mercury in CF bulbs?
- Simon: Recycling bulbs at transfer station.
- Sue: LED bulbs are mercury-free.

Next meeting: Monday, 19 May, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Morton
Acting secretary