

18 May 2009

Lyme Energy Committee (LEC) Minutes

Attendees: Sue MacKenzie (Chair), Carola Lea, Dan O'Hara, Simon Carr (Selectmen's representative), Matt Brown, Mike Morton, Rebecca Lovejoy, Rep. Beatriz Pastor (guest), and Gary Phetteplace (recorder)

Topics:

Energy Fair - A good informal response was received from vendors. No books were sold. Was difficult to man both Cover and Norwich Bookstore tables and do them justice. Very little coffee sold, no soda sold. Feeling was attendance was down. Attendance at the open houses was mixed, some places had turnout they were happy with others had very few. A number of ideas were discussed for enhancements. The Local Energy Solutions conference being put on by the Carbon Coalition on 20 June 2009 in Concord was suggested by Simon as a potential source of ideas; Carola and Simon plan to attend. Having a series of lectures, a weatherization workshop, were other items that were discussed. Weatherization funds are available, but accessing them is difficult and confusing; Rep. Pastor is working this problem, she reported that the waiting list for weatherization funds is around 16,000 people. Discussion was held about a survey of what the community would like us to do and what we would like to do. Becky thought that perhaps a role for the Energy Committee was to tell the Lyme Community about funds available for energy updates and how to access them. Surveying of the vendors was discussed and various committee members will be contacting them. Restructuring the tour was discussed.

Energy Roundtable Meeting - This was a meeting of local energy committees held last week. Dan, Carola, and Becky attended. Some towns, like Norwich are very active.

Membership - We are now one member short of a full committee. A prospective member was discussed and Matt will contact them to determine their interest.

Future meeting site - Simon indicated that the Select Board is leaving it up to committees if they wanted to meet at the new Town Offices in the future. Consensus was that this would be closer for most committee members and perhaps more energy efficient. Thus, for the June meeting we will be meeting there.

Next meeting - 15 June 2009