

Lyme Energy Committee minutes for Dec 17, 2012

Present: Becky Lovejoy, Simon Carr (Selectman), Matt Brown, Scott Nichols, Dan O'Hara, Mark Bolinger, Robin Taylor
Absent: Joanna Laro, Gary Phetteplace

Becky Lovejoy called the meeting to order at 7:30

1. Minutes for Oct 15, 2012 accepted as circulated and corrected. (There was not a quorum for the scheduled November meeting.)
2. Matt is now involved in an event company with Scott Skokie (Dartmouth Organic Farm) and they want to have a joint renewable energy / arts and crafts festival on Columbus day weekend at the Dartmouth Organic Farm on Route 10 in Hanover.
ACTION: see #6 below
3. Plug load survey at Lyme School 2 nights Dan, Gary, and Scott Per Mark Paul Labelle of The Jordan Institute will be reporting to the bldg committee tomorrow night Mark not able to attend but Scott will and will report next month.
ACTION: Scott will attend meeting and report.
4. Following the "list serve" message and the school newsletter there were more responses to the Renewable Energy and Conservation Inventory for Lyme, bringing the total number of responses to 52. We discussed whether we should continue with this project and decided that we should to have information both for the town report and for getting information for citizens who are planning new projects. The information from the new responses has not yet been consolidated to a single spreadsheet.
ACTION: Mark will get the responses onto a spreadsheet and will write up a summary by Monday Jan 7 for Becky to include in the annual report.
5. Scott advised us that there is a new program in NH for renewable heating projects. This involves interest free loans of up to \$2500 with on bill financing through PSNH or CoOp (loan repayments included in the electric bill). Apparently the first step is to improve the envelope efficiency by at least 15%, and after that the loan can cover any energy star devices.
ACTION: Scott will write this up and Becky run it on list serve as an "Energy Bulletin" Elise is to get a copy of this (and any other such bulletins) to put on the town website.
6. We still are trying to come up with a couple of projects to do in 2013. One possibility is the Columbus day event (see #2 above) and the possibility of this generating some income was discussed – per Simon it can be handled but requires oversight and there is no way to spend money until income exists. This may be too big an undertaking for us and require a consortium including other energy committees and organizations.
Should we be trying to do anything about the fire station problem?
Are there other projects we should consider such as more involvement with the school.

ACTION: Matt will give us a proposal to consider at the next meeting. We will continue discussion of this and other projects for 2013 next meeting.

7. Newsletter regarding idling proposed by Becky discussed.

ACTION: Becky will circulate (list serve and to Elise for town website).

8. Members for next year and new leadership (Becky is leaving).

ACTION: Discuss next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36. Next meeting 7:30 on Jan 21, 2013 at Town Office Building.

Respectfully Submitted
Dan O'Hara