

Lyme Energy Committee - Minutes for March 19, 2013

Present: Sue MacKenzie, Matt Brown, Robin Taylor, Scott Nichols, Gary Phetteplace, Mark Bolinger, Dan O'Hara
Absent; Joanna Laro

Mark Bolinger called the meeting to order at 7:35

The Committee welcomes the return of Sue MacKenzie, this time as the Select board representative.

1. Minutes of the January 19, 2013 meeting were approved as circulated (we did not have a quorum for our February meeting)

Action: Dan to send minutes to town office.

2. Several members stated that they will not be available for next month's meeting on April 15, so we decided to try to change it to the following week on April 22 if that can be done legally.

Action: Dan to ask Elise if she can do the proper warnings to do this.

3. Role of the energy committee in energy-related town affairs. Scott Nichols related a couple of experiences he had dealing with other Energy Committees where the committee took a much larger role in making energy-related decisions in various projects in their communities. Our involvement in the school renovation/expansion project was not an active one, and as a result the energy aspects of the plan were not given a lot of attention and the energy portion of the plan was weak. Had there been knowledgeable and persistent individuals pressuring the Jordan Institute to work harder on the project the result might have been better.

Matt stated that he thought we ought to be looking forward to new projects to try to have more impact, and went on to relate conversations with Johnson, Johnson Spray Foam about installing foamed insulation in the town highway garage. This would reduce the energy loss and resolve the moisture problem which is causing rust and mold issues. We discussed the question of how to get cooperation with other town committees and decided the best course would be to come to the building committee with a proposal (including cost estimates from more than one source) to improve the efficiency of the highway garage.

Action: Scott will find another source for a second estimate on the cost of foaming the garage and projected savings.

Action: Matt to come up with proposal to take to building committee.

Action: Sue will investigate what is required to change/strengthen our "charge" from the town, as well as how the other Select board members feel about a stronger role for the energy committee.

4. School renovation/expansion project.

We agreed to take a more active role in the next project.

Action: Robin to talk with Scott May about getting the energy committee involved in the process the next time around.

5. Committee Chairman

It was moved and seconded that Mark Bolinger will be the chairman of this committee, and the vote was unanimous.

6. Committee Members

According to the Town Report the terms of Dan O'Hara and Matt Brown expire this year. Both indicated that they would like to remain on this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35; next meeting to be April 22 at the town office building if this can be legally done.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel O'Hara