

Approved Minutes
Lyme Energy Committee January 27, 2014

Present: Mark Bolinger, Sue Mackenzie, Joana Jaspersen, Gary Phetteplace, Robin Taylor, Scott Nichols, Matt Brown, Dan O'Hara

Absent: none

Guests: Sarah Simonds and Allison Furbish of Vital Communities, Matt Stevens, Paul Mayo, Mike Novello

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:31

1. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Minutes of our November meeting be approved as circulated.
Action – Dan to send in.

2. The results of the Town Building Committee meeting (held in December) were reviewed as follows:

a: The installation of a programmable thermostat at the Academy Building to preheat for scheduled events was approved.

b: The findings from our investigation at the Highway Garage (as described in our November minutes) were reviewed. The acquisition of a generator to provide power during interruptions of electrical service is going forward. Scott described the location of various data logging sensors for temperature and humidity that he did with the help of Frank Bowles – they have not been reviewed as yet but it is hoped that this information will be useful in determining the next steps to take there.

c: The Fire Station is known to be an inefficient structure energy wise and a reserve fund is being built up to replace it in the future.

d: The Library heating system does not have an outdoor temperature reset which would reduce the amount of energy used to heat it. Scott stated that this might be detrimental to the life of the boiler as many such systems are designed for use with newer “condensing” type boilers and agreed to review the types of controllers being considered with Dan (who is now on the Library Board which is responsible to make the decision).

Action – Dan is now on the Town Building Committee to represent the Library Board and will keep this committee informed.

3. The School renovation project is being presented to the town for a vote this year and includes biomass boilers for heat with an auxiliary propane unit for peak requirements.
Action - All committee members should become aware of the energy components of this project.

4. Solarize Lyme project discussion - Sarah and Allison from Vital Communities led an hour-long discussion about the “Solarize Lyme!” program that will launch in March. This program seeks to aggregate local demand for solar photovoltaics as a way to lower the cost of solar for all program participants. Lyme is one of 3 communities that will be working with Vital Communities, the other two each consisting of two towns, Thetford-Strafford and Plainfield-Cornish.

Action - several committee members signed up as members of the “Core Team” for this project and will be working with Mark who is the team leader for Lyme.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55

Next meeting 7:30 on Monday, February 17 at the Town Office Building

Respectfully submitted

Dan O’Hara