

Approved Minutes
Lyme Energy Committee February 17, 2014

Present: Mark Bolinger, Sue Mackenzie, Joanna Jaspersohn, Gary Phetteplace, Robin Taylor, Matt Brown, Dan O'Hara

Absent: Scott Nichols

Guests: Stephen Doig, Mike Novello

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:30

1. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Minutes of our January meeting be approved as circulated.

Action – Dan to send in.

2. Mark reported that the School Renovation Committee has been successful in getting a rebate approved for a portion of the cost of the biomass boilers proposed for this project.

3. Guest Stephen Doig introduced himself to the committee, and both he and Paul Novello participated in the following section of the meeting which was a discussion of the Solarize Lyme project.

4. Solarize Lyme project discussion – Mark reported that the first presentation that he made as part of the preparation for SL was very well attended. The list of interested people now stands at 69 people!

There will be a table at Town Meeting, and Mark would appreciate help/relief manning the table during the meeting. We may have to provide the actual table for this.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the 4 bids that have been received in response to the Request for Proposal sent out by Vital Communities. One problem in evaluating the proposals is that there are “adders” for parts of the work that will have to be done for specific installations that could give the installer a lot of “wiggle room” and make it hard to compare bids fairly. Another issue discussed was how to weight the different sections of the proposals – price, speed of installation, service response, etc. It was stated that we should talk to people in Mass. and Connecticut regarding their experience with specific vendors. The pricing of some of the proposals could probably be lower, especially for the larger quantities of systems in recognition of the fact that most of their promotional work is being done for them by this project. Mark took extensive notes and will prepare a list of questions for discussion with the Vital Communities team next Tuesday.

Action – Mark and perhaps a few other members of the Solarize Lyme core team to attend meetings next Tuesday and Thursday

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Next meeting 7:30 on St. Patrick's Day at the Town Office Building

Respectfully submitted

Dan O'Hara

(minutes approved via email dated 3/18/2014)