

September 15,2014  
Minutes  
Lyme Energy Committee

Present: Mark Bolinger, Matt Brown, Dan O'Hara, Robin Taylor, Gary Phetteplace, Sue MacKenzie, Mike Novello, Scott Nichols  
Absent: Joana Jasperson

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:35

1. It was moved, and seconded that the Minutes of our August meeting (Draft 1 circulated by Mark) be approved.  
Action – Mark to send in.
2. Mark went through the items listed in the August minutes, discussing the following:  
The data from the instrumentation in the highway garage last winter has been downloaded and weather data from two sources is now available. The building seemed to have had fewer than usual problems, perhaps because of the unusually uniform cold weather we had or perhaps because of the propane fired heaters. Scott reported that there is an almost identical building in Hopkinton (town hwy dept, floor radiant heat) that has performed well and reported none of the problems we have experienced.  
ACTION Mark will look at the data to see if there is any correlation with the times when the relative humidity spiked to over 70% and the outside weather.
3. The proposed volunteer day at the fire station to wintertize has not taken place yet.  
ACTION Joanna to continue to try to schedule this with Chief Hinsley.
4. The “pelletize Lyme” project idea will be discussed at our November meeting – Morty Bailey has indicated that he wants to be involved in setting this up.  
ACTION Discuss again next meeting.
5. Progress in the installation phase of the “Solarize” project has been slower than expected – to date 13 systems are complete and the 14<sup>th</sup> was just started. Mark has been in frequent contact with RGS and they do not consider themselves to be behind schedule, claiming permitting delays, etc. All of the VC Solarize programs seem to have similar issues. Sue reported that her system is working fine but there have been delays in getting the financial details worked out (both net metering and rebate for reaching tier 5).  
ACTION Mark will continue to monitor the program and keep the pressure on RGS.
6. Sue wants to come up with a plan to Solarize the town office building – hopefully getting to 100% solar. She has collected all the electric bills for the last 18 months and it looks like the monthly bill averages around \$300. There was some discussion of possible locations for an array if there is not enough roof space available on the Town Hall itself.  
ACTION Gary took the electric bills and will get the consumption data into a spreadsheet so we can size an appropriate system. Should be discussed next month.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 8:25.

The next meeting is October 20 at 7:30 pm. Mark will be unable to attend and Scott agreed to chair that meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Dan O'Hara