

## Minutes

### Lyme Energy Committee

June 15, 2015

Present: Mark Bolinger, Mike Novello, Robin Taylor, Dan O'Hara, Scott Nichols, Sue MacKenzie, Matt Brown,

Absent: Johanna Jaspersen

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:35

1. The Minutes of our April 20, 2015 meeting were approved as circulated.

Action - Dan to send in to town.

2. Mark reported that Steven Doig wants to join the committee (replacing Gary Phetteplace).

3. Mark reported that the new "Charge" outlining the responsibilities of this committee has been discussed with the Selectboard and a few wording changes were made. The finalized wording is attached.

4. The inverter for the solar power system at the school has failed and is apparently out of warranty. The school is looking into having this component repaired or replaced, meanwhile the array on the roof there is doing nothing. Since there is now more roof space available additional panels could be put there so the idea of a new larger inverter was discussed but considered to be impractical at this time compared to fixing the present system and adding a separate new one later.

5. Mark reported that he has looked into the possibility of adding a solar system to the town hall. The calculation is more complicated than a home system because tax rebates

do not apply to the town and the rate structure for municipalities is complex compared to that for private residences. Making several assumptions the "pay back" time for such a system would be on the order of 12.7 years (or roughly 4 years longer than if the town were able to benefit from the federal tax credit)". Mark agreed to get quotes for a system for informational purposes – it is understood that a warrant article at town meeting would be necessary to proceed.

6. Matt raised the issue of what was done about the several recommendations to improve the efficiency of the academy building which have fallen through the cracks. He is going to review the situation and come up with a list of possible improvements that should be made.

He also raised the issue of the exhaust fans in both the fire station and the highway garage in hopes that someone will be able to find a better solution to that problem.

Matt asked if the committee could look at the situation in the Baptist Church in Lyme Center. The committee agreed that this building is not our responsibility.

7. The town highway garage was discussed, and Sue agreed to get propane use data for the last few years for review at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30. Next Meeting scheduled for 7:30 on August 17.

Respectfully Submitted

Dan O'Hara