

Minutes

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Energy Advisory Committee

Date: January 30, 2014 Time: 9:00AM

Meeting called to order at 9:11AM by Rick Bedard

Present: Laurie Connors, Rick Bedard, Jim Dunn, Pat Arp, Jeff Dore, Rob McNeil, and Scott Barbato.

Absent: Brad Turner

Visitor: Bob Spain

Minutes of December 13th meeting were available. Motion was made to accept as written.

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1. The Committee agreed to postpone the meeting with Kelly Brown until she arrived.
2. Laurie talked on the Green Community Grant update and what was required for it to be completed. Rick Bedard made a motion to have Laurie draw up a press release for the Committee. Seconded by Rob McNeil. So voted. Rick then mentioned that there were some problems with the refrigeration project at Shaw School, and that corrections were being made. When work was completed, the project will be re-inspected. This was the result of inspection that was necessary as part of grant.
3. Both Rick and Laurie then opened discussion on the new grant requirements. It was mentioned that the 2014 grant was a competitive grant, and should be more in line with conservation of energy in Town, than for solar installations. It appears that the State may pick and choose projects that a community submits. Some ideas tendered were:
 - A. Live vegetation for roof covering
 - B. Exterior LED lighting for parking lots and driveways.
 - C. Insulation projects for Town buildings
 - D. Partial funding of HVAC at Municipal Office Building
4. Rick introduced the proposal of using a State grant to fund a part time position energy manager position. The State will possibly fund it up to \$25,000 for the first year. For the second year, the amount will be \$17,500. Then the Town will be responsible for the funding. Deadline is February 14th. This person would be a Municipal employee. There was some discussion on sharing this person with Sutton, and each using it for 19 hours per week. Town Manager Robert Spain, expressed his support of the grant proposal. Jim Dunn made a motion to support the Energy Manager's position with the Town of Sutton, and apply for a joint grant proposal. Seconded by Laurie Connors. So voted.

5. The Committee discussed the HVAC project with the Town Manager, so as to find out what he was going to do about the project. He mentioned that if the Town had to fund the entire project, it was too expensive.

Next meeting TBD

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:37 AM by Rob McNeil, seconded Jim Dunn

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey Dore- Clerk

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Rob McNeil

Jim Dunn