

Stratham Energy Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 2015

Commission members present:

Michael Gorman

Matthew O'Keefe

James Schlough

Michael Welty

absent: John Dold

also present: Michael Ream

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by acting chair Mike Welty. Minutes of the January 14th meeting, previously distributed, were approved.

Mike began with discussion of the Master Energy Audit currently being performed at the Cooperative Middle School by a UNH Manchester senior under the direction of Keith McBrien of GDS Associates. He reported that he has not yet received the anticipated update from Keith. A request for energy use data on the school resulted in an extensive spreadsheet from Sandie McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for SAU 16. The spreadsheet had the electrical use for both the Exeter High School and the Cooperative Middle School combined. A request for the data for just the middle school will be made.

Energy use data for Stratham Memorial School is current through June of 2014.

Matt O'Keefe reported that the energy use data for all town buildings recorded in Portfolio Manager is current through December of 2014.

Mike Welty asked if the commission had any interest in making a short report at the town meeting in March. The results of our Portfolio Manager based analyses and improvements were examined by logging in to the Portfolio Manager website. Bar charts showed noticeable reduction in electrical consumption at the highway department buildings after the summer of 2013 when a energy efficient lighting replacement was made. No plan for reporting at the meeting was made.

Mike Welty asked who on the commission would be willing to become the recording secretary given the resignation of Jim Schlough, current recording secretary, who will be moving out of the area. Mike Gorman agreed to take on the role and will begin in that capacity at the March meeting.

In consideration of new business it was proposed that the commission consider instituting more community outreach such as the Button Up program offered at the town library in the fall. Mike thought we might be able to get some utility company personnel to make presentations. Further consideration of this will be an item on the March agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the commission will be 7 pm, March 11, at the Stratham Municipal Center.