

Wolfeboro Energy Committee Meeting
February 8, 2010

Present: Nancy Hirshberg, Bob Lemaire, Josh Arnold, Jim Nupp, Barbara Laverick, Rob Houseman, Barry Muccio, David Owen

Agenda:

To review and provide input to the EECBG grant proposal

Actions:

Nancy reviewed the grant proposal as it has been compiled. Rob Houseman spoke to the fact that enacting the grant and its recommendations is the work of the committee as they represent the community of Wolfeboro and its energy agenda. The town employees and staff are here to do the work that is recommended by the committee.

Nancy has asked for census numbers from the town. She will use this and other information to calculate impact, value per person. Rob's feelings are that the 2000 Census is under reported for ten years ago, let alone the increase in population as it stands today. Rob and Barry discussed the calendar for getting public input re: when our population is highest and when the town staff is most busy.

The grant, as written, will provide consultants to provide the labor and expertise to develop a community energy plan. An integral part of the proposal is developing the funding mechanisms that will allow this energy plan to be enacted as opposed to creating a plan that gets shelved. We are going to ask the town to set energy reduction goals.

Bob Lemaire reviewed the spread sheet he created for his portion of the grant proposal which focused on specific, per building, municipal energy efficiency measures. An important component of the grant, because it is a significant energy user, is the Pop Whalen Ice Arena and the recommendation is that the money from the grant be used to obtain an energy audit and engineering proposal for energy efficiency at the arena.

Jim Nupp moved and Josh Arnold seconded that the committee accept Bob Lemaire's recommendations for municipal energy efficiency measures and include it in the EECBG grant proposal. Vote was unanimous to accept Bob's recommendations. RE: ice rink, Josh will chase down supporting data from the state ice rinks and Canadian ice rinks to be included in the grant proposal.

Bob Lemaire proposed and Josh seconded that the Community Energy Plan be submitted. Vote was unanimous to accept. Supporting data submitted by any town staff in the correct form will be accepted and utilized in the grant proposal.

Nancy brought up terms of Energy Committee members. Nancy, Josh, and Susan's terms have expired. The interns financed by the grant will involve a lot of time from committee members. Nancy can't be chair of the committee and supervise the interns, should we get the grant. Josh has an incentive to stay on board with the committee, but attending meetings or chairing the committee would be difficult. Nancy's feeling is that intra-committee communication is vital to the two pronged approach, municipal and residential/business, being successful. Josh sees the town's membership in ICCLE as a way in which he can support the town and committee's goals.

Nancy stated that we will know by March 10, 2010, and we can set committee goals and plan how we will structure the committee. Nancy will ask Steve Day and Natalie to attend the next meeting.

The next meeting will be in March re: speaking with Susan about her schedule, the library schedule.