

Strafford Energy Committee – Minutes from Tuesday Nov 18, 7:30 pm, Town Clerks.

In attendance: Jim Condit, Ken Alton, Barbara Smith, Lee Vormelker, Dori Wolfe, and Janet Cavanagh.

- 1) Minutes from 10/21 meeting were approved.
- 2) The Town Clerk vault project is completed and a blower door test proved a significant decrease in air infiltration. The town clerk and staff have noticed improved warmth in the office. Ken has installed an Optics Plexiglas insert on one of the downstairs windows and has received the go ahead from the Select board to install double glazing on all the windows. The rebate from Efficiency VT will cover the approx. \$80.00 per window for materials as it was decided to use the cheaper Optics Plexiglas which will not yellow. Jan 9th @ 10am has been scheduled as the double glazing and installation workshop at the Town Clerks' office, when the office will be closed. Windows for the Mason Hall, and the Rosa Tyson Gym may be added to the materials order probably from LaValley's as a good discount may be available.
- 3) Jim Condit reported on successful fund raising toward the Mason Hall's \$20,000.00 goal to complete the projects listed in their energy audit. They have raised \$1200 from selling Ice cream at the Scottish festival, and \$1800 from the family supper last weekend. The Masons have already spent \$2000 on new windows and furnace work.
They are also working on a community builder varsity show and dinner fundraiser. Dori will submit the grant proposal to the New England grass roots fund for matching funds by the end of November. One of the primary heat lost problems in the Mason Hall is the mandated high power fan over the shove in the Café. Al has said he will take care of it.
- 4) The Edible Pocket Park is close to being put to bed with mulching of leaves and woodchips donated by Eli Mintz. K thru 2nd grade planted bulbs, and Gail Boyajian is designing a sponsorship certificate. West Lebanon Feed and Supply has donated 2 roll of plastic coated wire to attach to the split-rail fence.
- 5) The municipal solar array will be constructed in the spring. Cindy and Rod Maclay are reviewing the lease. Financing is being secured. After 7yrs it will hopefully become a co-operatively owned, community net metering array.
- 6) Dori discussed the exciting news that PACE, Property Assessed Clean Energy has been improved, with Efficiency VT acting as 3rd party and 0% financing for those low income who qualify. With the financial hurdles removed and the program funded in partnership with a bank, this program will allow more people of moderate means to complete energy efficient upgrades to their houses.
- 7) Energy Corner – The energy corner for Dec will be a discussion of the PACE program to finance energy efficiencies to your home.
- 8) Next SEC meeting will be Friday, Jan 9, 2015 @ 10am, with the Double glazing workshop.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Cavanagh, Recording secretary


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