

Strafford Energy Committee – Minutes from Tuesday Aug 19, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Town Clerks.

In attendance: Jim Condit, Gail Boyajian, Barbara Smith, Dori Wolfe, Steve Willbanks, and Janet Cavanagh.

- 1) Minutes from 07/15 meeting were approved.
- 2) Jim Condit described the weatherization needs of the Mason hall and had a copy of the energy audit. The total budget is \$20,965.00 and we discussed trying to get a grant from the New England Grass Roots Energy Fund, the idea of sponsoring a window for \$250 each and possibly helping to organize a funding raising dinner at the café. Dori will work with Jim to apply for the grant.
- 3) The weatherization for the town clerk's office is scheduled for October and needs to be finished by Nov 1st. The energy committee plans to install the plexiglass double glazing to the inside of the windows soon.
- 4) Edible pocket park in South Strafford has received a grant from the New England Grass Roots energy fund for \$1000.00, and Barbara is planning on beginning the front fence installation and planting of 7 or 8 trees in the Fall. She has been working on invasive plant removal, as the river edge has a lot of Poison parsnip. Barbara has also called some of the local nurseries for possible donations and may pursue fund raising with benches in the park.
- 5) Dori Wolfe expects to hear soon about the certificate of public good from the state so that she can build the 108 kilowatt School/Town municipal array on Rod Maclay's property. She has a plan of the array which is posted on the town web site under the energy committee. There was some discussion of the possibility of the Morrill Homestead, Barrett Hall and the Library being able to benefit from the solar array.
- 6) We discussed the invasive work in Strafford and at the Homestead. Barbara mentioned that Lorenz Rutz is worried about the Knapweed in the fields along Rte 132 in South Strafford. Steve will be calling an invasives mtg in Strafford in the Fall.
- 7) Energy Corner – The energy corner for Sept will be a summary of the SEC news of the pocket park grant, the town clerk weatherization project, the grant for the School/town solar array and the up coming effort to help the Masons.
- 8) Next SEC mtg will be Sept 16, 2014 @ 7.30pm

Respectfully submitted, Janet Cavanagh, Recording secretary