

NORTHFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE 01.17.17

Present: Bob Pasteris, Lynn Hansell, John Cevasco, Annie Chappell, Susan O'Connor, Steve Roberto

Guest: Collin Cheek

Review minutes of 12.20.16 Annie moves to approve; Bob seconds, all in favor.

Meeting called to order 5:05pm

1. Bob informs Collin that our committee allows 7 members. We currently have 6. Bob will give Collin our mission statement.
2. ~~Annie attends School Regionalization review.~~ Tracy of Rogers of Selectboard will be point person for Northfield. Each town pays for capital improvements. Northfield pays 52% of regional school district cost. Some talk of closing Leyden Elementary School. Julia Blythe of Selectboard is interested in this matter. Bob recommends that if school district opens up agreement to renegotiate, wording should be added to allow for energy efficiency improvements. Lynn asks if these improvements can be negotiated without applying for a Green Communities Grant. A representative of energy committee's from each town could draft a statement addressing energy efficiency upgrades. Annie will keep our committee informed of renegotiations...
3. Green Communities Line Grant Program update: <sup>Susan</sup> Lynn met with Bob and Deb Kern Librarian to discuss heating upgrades. Our library does not have enough heat. Bob recommends changing current steam heating system to water. Collin works in heating/air conditioning business and gives suggestions for possible upgrades. He suggests a new boiler if hot water system is chosen. Present boiler installed in 2010. Central heat pump system is a possibility. Bob recommends a good first step is to get estimates. Collin; a colleague from O'Connell Oil, Bob and Steve will set up an evening time/date to meet.
4. LED replacement suggested throughout library. DOER will only consider full-fixture replacements. The only other grant we could apply for is to replace/upgrade exterior lighting at town hall.
5. Collin is asked questions about his interest in joining our committee. We will recommend his appointment to selectboard.

John moves to adjourn meeting at 6:15p.m. Annie seconds, all in favor.

Our next meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5p.m. at library

Minutes submitted by John Cevasco

*OK as amended*

