

NORTHFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE 02.21.17

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

Meeting called to order 5:05p.m.

Review minutes of 01.17.17. Minutes approved with revisions; Bob moves to accept, John seconds.

1. Bob reports Steve, Collin/Alex Rodreguiz (his associate) and Bob walked through system in library. Steve submits arch. plans of library showing sq.ft., use, room, etc. Possible re-do of heating /air.cond. systems; possibly replacing these units with modern technology. Possibly wait a year to apply for new Green Communities grant. We are not ready to meet grant deadline a week from today. Steve suggests a foam interior wall application would be recommended; air source heat pumps, geo-thermal, pellets.

2. Lynn makes a motion to apply for Green Communities grant in 2018; Steve seconds; all in favor. Bob spoke with Bart Bales, energy consultant, who suggests he can do energy audit for \$4-6,000. Bob asks that someone speak with a member of Community Preservation Act Committee about available funding. Steve recommends that Bart come up with correct strategy and Collin put plan into action. Bart can walk through library for a fee of \$330 to narrow down energy improvement options. Bob suggests asking for \$6,000 at town meeting for a feasibility study. Lynn says selectboard will work with town committees about short/long term plans. A town by town energy plan is being developed. Bob says that town garage/transfer station have funding for lighting upgrades.

3. HEART Committee looking for ways to reduce school budget. Need to speak with Tracy and Julia of selectboard about input. Next HEART Committee meeting March 1st. Bob will ask Tom Bowman/Bart Bales for costs to get an assessment for elementary school for a warrant. Lynn will call UMass tomorrow for assistance. Steve asks what would be a close accurate assessment by Bart Bales for a comp. study with a 5-year payback to submit to town meeting? Annie and Lynn will keep track of HEART Committee. Lynn will speak with Julia; Annie will call Robin.

6:20pm John moves to adjourn; Lynn seconds Our next meeting will be March 21st Tuesday at library.

Minutes submitted by John Cevasco

ok as amended
