

NORTHFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE 03.21.17

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

Meeting called to order 5p.m.

Review minutes; Bob moves to accept as amended; Annie seconds; all in favor.

1. Annie: HEART Committee update. Each town must contribute to Capital Expenses. Lynn feels that the best that could come out of Annie's meeting with Tracy is that energy committee's are seeking a seat at the table. Annie emphasizes DOER grant of \$12,000 for each town. Bob thinks regional school districts can apply for Green Community status/grants. Annie will ask Jim Barry if Northfield can apply for a META Grant for a school not part of Green Communities. Annie says Gill applied for and received a META Grant. Susan will call Claire Chang of Gill for additional info. Bob recommends applying for META Grant for a school study. Brian Noble emphasized maintaining town buildings. Susan suggests that Energy Committee apply for this grant for the school district or with the district. She will contact Warwick Energy Committee. Annie will contact Bernardston to see if they will apply for META Grants.

Bob moves that our committee apply for META Grant for elementary school and/or with Pioneer Regional School District. John seconds motion; all in favor.

2. Bob: CPA update. Annie updates possible Community Preservation Act funding for library. Application must be submitted within 6 months. According to Robin Conley, CPA will not fund studies. Bob wonders if exterior lighting of Town Hall could be replaced with LED lighting.

3. Bob: Library walk-through. This will include a full energy assessment. It was agreed that Steve would act as lead for this work with Bart Bales and for project recommended. Look at insulation and esp. HVAC replacement. Finance Committee will fund project with \$5,500 from Reserve Fund for Library Energy Assessment. Selectboard assisted in this decision. Library will provide \$350 to update parking lot lighting and replace two lights in back of building. Steve on behalf of Energy Committee will also act as lead for this work; Bob conveyed to Steve that our committee discussed these projects with no objections. The Building Maintenance & Utilization Committee should be kept informed of this project.

4. Susan: Franklin County Continuing Political Revolution. This organization has created multiple task forces. Susan is a member of the climate Change Task Force and one goal is to make all Franklin County town buildings Green Energy compliant. Additional meetings to be held in April/May, and would like all town energy committee members present. Susan has sent us a 4-page link of a climate change survey. Twelve of 30 towns are already represented on this task force.

5. Susan and Julia Blythe attended an event on climate change in Wendell about how small towns can improve energy consumption. Jim Barry of DOER attended. Towns would like to have all town committees draw up their needs so our selectboard could have a long-term planning. Susan presents "Ideas for Northfield Energy Committee, Feb. 2017": She recommends brainstorming a list of ideas. Lynn

Accepted as amended

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recommends each member sign up with Google Dux making it possible for each committee member to participate. Bob recommends the following projects:

Heat-Pump Hot Water Heater for Town Hall

Exterior Lighting Town Hall(CPA or competitive grants)

Replace/update with LED at HWY Dept. and Transfer Station

Street Light replacement with LED(long term project;133 street lights in town)

Get town buildings to purchase electricity from P/V

Bob will contact Hampshire COG to verify costs of current contract for town buildings.Contract ends in one year.He asks Annie:What kind of Green Communities reporting deadlines are required before we can apply for another grant?

This will be Bob's last meeting as Chairman of our committee. We need to nominate a member at our next meeting to be our new Chairperson.Lynn suggests having two 1 1/2 hour meetings in April.

Lynn motions to adjourn at 6:55p.m.; Bob seconds;all in favor.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5p.m. at library.

Minutes submitted by John Cevalco