Energy Committee Minutes

September 5, 2017

Meeting called to order at 4:04PM

Present: Buddy Behrendt, Bill Dunkel, Tom Johnson, Cathy Stover

The minutes from the meeting on August 24 were approved.

Bill reported that no action has been taken by the Select Board since its meeting on August 21 to clarify the additional language proposed by the town attorney in an Option to Lease Agreement with Green Lantern Group. To date, no meeting has been arranged between the Select Board, the attorney and representatives of Green Lantern.

The Select Board has officially appointed the members of the Energy Committee. Members of the committee should see Michael McLaine to take the oath of office and get their stamped appointment. Committee appointments are valid through the end of the following calendar years:

2018 – Vance Bell, Cathy Stover

2019 – Buddy Behrendt, Bill Dunkel

2020 – Tom Johnson, Michael Simonds

The committee discussed Rules of Procedure that it will follow in future meetings. Cathy moved, seconded by Buddy, that the Energy Committee adopt the Rules of Procedure. Unanimously passed.

The committee also discussed and unanimously adopted a Conflict of Interest policy. Motion by Tom, seconded by Cathy.

The committee agreed to try to have an energy fair this fall, probably at the school, and another fair in the spring, perhaps at Michael’s house.

Possible dates for the fall fair are a weekday evening between Monday, 10/23, and Thursday, 10/26 , or a weekday evening between Monday, 11/6, and Thursday, 11/9. The exact date will probably depend upon which vendors are interested in, and able to, attend.

Bill will contact Efficiency Vermont and Vermont Foam to see if they are interested in having a table or making a presentation. Tom will contact the Heat Squad (Neighborhood Connections). Buddy will contact the Stove Depot.

We also discussed possibly having vendors present to talk about heat pumps, heat pump hot water heaters and solar panels.

Buddy suggested that we might have an electric car available for people to test drive if Nissan and GMP still are offering discounts on the 2017 Leaf.

Buddy also suggested that the Energy Committee might use some of the $5,000 entrusted to it at the last town meeting to offer a small incentive payment to anyone who has an energy audit done at their home as a result of attending the fair. Bill will check to see if this is allowable.

Buddy also suggested the committee might give an LED light bulb to everyone who attends the fair.

The next meeting of the Energy Committee will be on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 4:30 PM in the town office.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Dunkel