

Energy Steering Committee  
Minutes  
Nov. 17, 2011

Attending committee members: Wayne Boardman, Deborah McDermott, Steve Kosacz, Victoria Simon, Ted Little (BOS liaison). (Steve and Victoria are voting members for the meeting.)

Minutes of the previous meeting: it was suggested that we add discussion of the Sonoma, Arizona police department to the minutes when the committee was discussing the police station. With that change, minutes were approved.

Discussion of presentation to selectmen on Nov. 28.

Wayne explained that the library board of trustees has agreed to pay for the library's projects, which totaled \$63,000. A discussion was held about what if any additional buildings or project we would suggest as a result.

Wayne spoke to Chris Balentine, YVFD chief, who said the FD plans to ask for capital funds for new, wider overhead doors, so we pulled #16 in the YVFD from the list of items to be funded.

Wayne also met with Chief Dave Bridges of the YBFD, who said he felt it would not be productive to put in setback thermostats in the bays, as the bays are kept at a low temperature anyway. They would be helpful in the apartment and the chief's office. So for item #4, we reduced the number from 8 to 2, at a cost of \$350. However, Bridges did indicate that air is leaking from the overhead doors. Steve said at his business, he uses brushes around the door that seal the doors well. He is check with Dave about the possibility of using them. Also needed was pipe insulation, which was inadvertently left of the first list.

Mike Sullivan at Parks and Rec. looked at the recommendations for Grant House and said they look reasonable. The pipe insulation was restored to the list of ECMs (energy conservation measures).

Also, there was a discussion of whether any of the other buildings should be put on the Phase 1 list. It was decided that at the police station/senior center, we would ask for air sealing at an estimated cost of \$3,000 since the building will be occupied for at least two more years.

In total, we will be asking the selectmen to fund \$92,800 in energy efficiency projects at five town buildings. That leaves \$60,200 that would still be at our disposal. We will ask selectmen for permission to investigate other energy improvements after the RFPs come back and after we have had a chance to talk to some of the building managers/occupants.

Victoria is to call Mike Sullivan, Deborah is to call Chris Balentine and Wayne is to call Dave Bridges and invite them to come to the meeting to support the proposal.

#### Discussion of police station

Ted cautioned us that some of the selectmen and some of the municipal building committee members would prefer to see the ESC communicate directly with them rather than criticizing the BC through the media. Ted stated that he believes that the BC has incorporated several recommendations of the ESC, but are probably not inclined to make large further changes. The selectmen are asking the ESC not to exceed its charter and mission.

#### Staggered terms

Ted said that Hilary and Paul can come on as starting a new three year term, not filling an unexpired term, so the committee can have staggered terms.

Next meeting is Dec. 15. Wayne asks us to be thinking about additional strategies to save energy dollars for the town, in addition to building improvements.