

Energy Steering Committee
January 19, 2012

Attending: Wayne Boardman, Deborah McDermott, Paul McGowan, Victoria Simon, Steve Kosacz, Ted Little, Zak Harding, Hilary Clark from the energy efficiency committee; Robert Reed, Greg Gosselin, Howard Koeppel, from the building committee; Kinley Gregg, Board of Selectmen; Police Chief Doug Bracy; Peter Ashley; Mike Watson, Efficiency Maine

Mike was invited to attend the meeting to talk with us about Efficiency Maine's commercial/municipal program and to what extent the police station might qualify for funding. He said Efficiency Maine pays \$1 per square foot for qualified buildings; in the case of the 18,000-square-foot police station, that would amount to \$18,000 if we qualify.

He said he has received an application from SMRT, the architect for the building, and expected within the following week to review it. In general, he said it's best if EM gets involved before the plans are drawn; however, he said we're still early enough in the process that it should be fine.

They are basically looking to make sure you're taking the most energy efficient route, in lighting, HVAC, windows, insulation, water, etc.

He said he will come to the site three or four times during construction to make sure everything is on track. Once the building receives a certificate of occupancy, the check is cut and should arrive within three to four weeks.

He said buildings typically have to be 16-26 percent above the National Building Code of 2007 in order to qualify. Based on a cursory look at York's application, it looks as if the police station is in the neighborhood of 35 percent above the code. "If everything I got was all right, you're all set," he said.

He also said there is a separate program of Efficiency Maine that could help the committee as it looks to retrofit existing buildings. There are incentives for lighting, HVAC, refrigeration equipment, etc. We would have to show a benefit/cost ratio of 1 – for every \$1 spent on upgrades, there must be a corresponding \$1 in savings to ratepayers.

"There is money. Get the money. We will help you get it. If you're retrofitting, talk to us," he said.

After he finished, everyone left except for members of the energy steering committee. We continued the meeting.

Paul suggested that we have a role to play in any smaller new construction projects in town, in addition to retrofits, mentioning the addition on the Sohier Park gift shop and the restrooms at Short and Long Sands. Wayne will write Mike Sullivan and tell him we'd like to meet with him.

No one submitted a proposal for the retrofitting work by the deadline. Rob's intent is to get back in touch with them and ask them if they would submit if the deadline was pushed back. We also said we would like the proposal from the town to indicate we want equipment used to be on the EM list of qualified equipment. Ted is to talk with Rob about whether we need to go back before the selectmen to make a change to the RFP.

Paul was voted vice chair of the committee

We had a discussion about what we would do with future funding from the town. Suggestions included expanding into vehicles, and looking at the possibility of hybrid or electric vehicles; and preparing buildings for solar panels.

Steve K. suggested that we revise our charter so that a member is automatically included on any future building committee.

The next meeting is Feb. 16.
Submitted by Deborah McDermott