

## MINUTES

York Energy Steering Committee

Sept. 5, 2013; 7:00 pm

Location: York Library

Attendees: Wayne Boardman, Victoria Simon, Stephen Kosacz; Christopher Ring, Peter Ashley, citizen.

1. Discussed changes to language in last month's minutes regarding Btu goals for future building projects, clarifying that these goals are in addition to meeting LEED Silver standards.  
July 18 minutes approved.
2. Discussion regarding Grant House proposal –  
Group discussed inadequate and incomplete proposal by Pelletco and agreed to drop that bid. Stephen communicated the good reference for EC Robbins by the Kittery facilities.

Considering extremely high cost of McCormick bid and the still pending need to get approval for construction of outbuilding, group expressed general belief that focusing energies on a more feasible bid of EC Robbins would be wise.

Group discussed whether or not to seek alternative of not removing oil tank, should we go forth with EC Robbins.

Long time spent identifying the lifetime fuel costs. Decided McCormick's estimate of 5% inflation for pellets and 10% for oil is more accurate. According to McCormick, 10 years savings approx. \$35,000 for wood pellet. Over 10 years, propane would cost \$6212 more than oil heat. Difference over 10 years is approx \$40,000. If current prices don't change for 20 years, savings would be \$80,000. This is a conservative number not calculating inflation trajectories.

Over 20 years it pays for the savings and gives the town 100K savings based on \$159,000 savings (20 year projected fuel savings is \$159,000).

Assumptions:

Fuel pellets go up by 3%

Oil rises by 10% and propane follows.

3. Fire Station –

Discussed general impressions of the bid. TPD noted exceeding ACH (air changes per hour) targets multiple times on projects.

Stephen – delaying the Fire Station upgrades 1 year does not have a 20 year consequence that would occur if we did not go forward with the Grant House.

**Motion to recommend to Selectman that we accept the EC Robbins bid for a wood pellet system. Vote 4-0 yes.**

Wayne will try to pull together the arguments we discussed tonight in a one page statement explaining that this choice is not only greener, but will also save a lot of money.

**Motion to approve bid by TPD for Fire Station assuming funds are available for the amount of \$134,500; and if not enough money available we postpone for decision at next meeting (Aug. 15).**

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Chris Ring.