

Minutes

York Energy Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the York Public Library

Present: Wayne Boardman, Victoria Simon, Hilary Clark, Paul McGowan, Stephen Kosacz, Peter Ashley, Phyllis Newman. Guests: Chief Chris Balentine, Pat Coon of Revision Heat, Skip Bennett and Edward Robbins of Malne Energy Systems, Kyle Cone and Hayden Pate from York High School class in Political and Legal Studies.

Chair, Wayne Boardman , called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- 1. Continued discussion of Village Fires Station boiler replacement with Chief Balentin and Q&A with Pat Coon of Revision Heat:** Two issues: Is there an option for size of the boiler and how to look at oil usage and savings. There is infrastructure in place for LP at Fire Station. Pellet storage is still a problem (space, keeping

pellets dry, etc. Pat Coon said that pellet burner creates jobs in Maine, has no environmental impact, would pay for itself in 5 years. Paul said that we should be considering the impact of “fracking” which takes 6 million gallons of water for each field which also pollutes the water. Hilary reminded us that our committee makes recommendations and that the Selectmen makes the decision about any purchases , but that each purchase will go out to bid. Pat Coon said that pellet boilers cost the same as fossil fuel burners.

2. Q&A with Scott Bennett and Edward Robbins of Maine Energy Systems:

Scott proposed a partial load heating system which would use a pellet burner 80 % of the time and use a propane system for the extremely cold days. We would need clarification about the costs of the two burners and the custom storage of the pellets. Paul said that we would need to make the case with a clear chart which would

compare the costs between an LP system and a partial load system. Peter suggested that we need an official consultant to get a true idea about the conservation and heat loss using either a straight LP system or a hybrid system. Paul and Stephen agreed to work on a summary of what we have learned about LP and pellet burners for our next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18th at the meeting room in the Village Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Newman