

Energy Efficiency Steering Committee
December 20, 2012 6:30pm
York Public Library

Present: Wayne Boardman, chairperson; Victoria Simons, Paul McGowan, Stephen Kosacz, Hilary Clark and members of the public- Peter Ashley, Christopher Ring, David Michniewicz

Wayne opened the meeting at 6:35pm

1. Approval of minutes postponed due to lack of quorum that attended the Dec 6 meeting.
2. Wayne gave update on Village Fire Station attic insulation. Fiberglass insulation above drop ceiling; no vapor or air infiltration barrier; Wayne revisited with George Gendron (insulation contractor) and found evidence of air flow. George recommended removal of drop ceiling, sheetrock above 2nd floor and then blow in insulation in attic. Attic ventilation would also need to be improved. Need new RFP to reflect this. Can use some language from past RFP's but need expert to review it. Suggestions included Steve Martel, Allied Engineering or Ed Henningsen. Discussion focused on need to have ability to pay for expertise to develop appropriate RFP's and have Selectmen's approval to engage experts. There was also discussion regarding what R factor to use and how to defend it-in terms of cost payback? Decision for Wayne to contact 3 individuals to ask for their framework of how they would structure a contract to write the RFP and oversee the work and sign off at the completion of the job.
3. Boiler replacement for the Grant House: Additional tour for Wayne, Paul, Hilary, Ted Little, and Mike Sullivan of the Kittery pellet boiler system. Tour was positive. Found that the Historic District Commission covers barn and house. Not enough room in basement for new boiler plus pellet storage due to space restrictions and dampness. Again, the ESC will probably need expert help with placement of boiler and writing RFP. There are time constraints in light of recent oil spill in Grant House basement. Three possible options include placing pellet boiler and hopper in a stand-alone building; in an addition to the barn; or in the barn. Wayne can approach the Historical Commission to find out parameters to consider for placement of boiler.
4. Review and revision of ESC charge and mission:
Items one and two have been completed.
Items three to six would be reorganized and re-written.

Draft notes:

To analyze and recommend:

- energy conservation

- renewable/alternative energy
- use of allocated monies
- carbon reduction goals such as 20% carbon reduction in 2020
- policy/ordinances
- practices

Paul will put notes in the form of a draft mission and distribute to members in preparation for further discussion at next meeting.

There was a wide discussion of actions this committee could undertake. For example, request that a member be part of future Municipal and School Building Committees and/or set up a process where all new building projects or major renovations would go before ESC for review and (possibly) approval. Also, ESC should maintain an energy use inventory for municipal buildings and track the results of individual initiatives.

ESC will solicit volunteer help to publicize the committee's goals and accomplishments in order to build support.

Suggestion for next agenda:

Put in writing the committee's understanding of what energy initiatives have been agreed to by the Municipal Building Committee and share it with MBC and BOS members.

Adjourn:

Next meeting: January 17, 2013; 6:30pm

Minutes submitted by Hilary Clark

Edited by Wayne Boardman