

LEE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2023

Attendance: Don Anderson, Louis Grondin, Katrin Kasper (BOS representative), Barbara Wauchope, Erik Johnson

GUESTS: Carol Doering, (Lee Resident)

Meeting starts at 11:45am at the end of the Community Power Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar Power Initiatives:
 - a. Lou opened the meeting with an update on possible Mast Way School Solar. He felt it best to contact the Assistant Superintendent, which he did. He is waiting their response.
 - b. Regarding the Transfer station there was no update on the Revision Solar installation.
2. Regarding Marketbasket discussions there was no update.
3. Regarding the cost savings for all of these buildings we don't use:
 - a. The old parsonage building has been condemned and posted for "no entry." We have money to demolish but we need approval of the BOS to do so. While it a historical building due to its age it prevents improvements in the area for the other buildings and costs the town money. The BOS is looking for grants to pay for the demolition.
4. Item to discuss in the next meeting: UPDATE TO "OLD ITEMS ON THE WEBSITE" AS SUGGESTED BY LOU. Don to try and review for recommendations to archive.
5. Update on the status of the Solar installation at the Transfer Station:
 - a. "They have looked at the roof and all of the things are done by the town, but we are in line with Revision Energy and dependent on their schedule.
6. Insulation / Energy Improvements on the town buildings:
 - a. Celebration of the noted cost savings determined so far regarding the insulation of the Public Safety Building. From Katrin's investigation:
 - i. "Tracked numbers for fuel oil usage at the PSC from Sept. 1 thru Dec. 28th. I'm not sure how the weather/temperature compares from last year to this year, but in 2021 we put 2,475 gallons of oil through the PSC, same time period this year we've used 1,140 gallons... Gotta believe that the new insulation and some of the other improvements are paying off!"
 - b. The Town buildings list on the Lee Energy Efficiency Roadmap was reviewed. It was an update on the audit Clay Mitchell did in 2017 with a number of specific items reviewed:
 - i. CFL Bulb, door & window weatherization kits, Expanding Foam air sealing, Water pipe insulation, Carbon Monoxide detectors, Hot Water tank wraps, Air sealing of Electrical outlets were all believed to be done from the "Low Hanging Fruit" list from the Roadmap.
 - ii. Room Sensors and Flood Lights have been updated on the Mid-Range Projects.
 - iii. Insulation upgrades noted in 6a were part of the roof repair and Heat Recovery Ventilation Projects under "Big ticket improvements." While the swap shop was replaced by the efforts of the Recycling Center themselves and did create

- energy savings and the Waste oil system and office was improved, other big-ticket items at Town Hall and the annex were not ones to pursue at this time.
- iv. It was felt since the Library team was the most presently active we should promote energy savings within their changes. Who can contact Deb Chandler?
 - v. The committee noted the doors on the PSB 1st floor meeting room looked improved, but still could use just some inexpensive “draft cushions” until more extensive improvements can be made.
- c. No update on getting energy information automatically to make it the easiest for the town to see the improvements made.
 - d. There will be a request to archive many of the items on the Committee’s town website to enable us to update our efforts for the community. (Don to do so in E-mail)

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Lou noted that a whole house monitor can be bought by the committee and lent out to town citizens to check the energy usage of their homes. The committee itself has the funds available to purchase (\$250) and promote its use and we agreed we should do so. (Lou to do so?)
- 2. There was a reference to an expert on heat pumps who lives in Lee and how we may use his abilities: Matt Rusteika, and his number was provided. Who will contact?

Minutes submitted by Don Anderson.