

LEE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2023

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

GUESTS: Carol Doering, (Lee Resident), Bill Humm

Meeting starts at 1:15pm at the end of the Community Power Committee meeting.

The minutes of the 1-10-23 meeting with a change to item #3 on the old parsonage building. It is “condemned and posted for “no entry.” Not “condemned and heated.” All the pipes have burst.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar Power Initiatives:
 - a. Lou opened the meeting with an update on possible Mast Way School Solar. Three members will present during public comment at the 2/1 school board meeting.
 - b. Regarding the Transfer station it was possibly starting this coming week by Revision Solar.
 - c. There was a discussion of promoting Solar Power Farms on Town property and the discussion brought out working with private entities as well. There was a Tuckaway farm proposal in the past that could possibly be re-surfaced. There were discussions of the irony of placing some under power lines, and the use of goats and other animal husbandry in combination with their use—one does not preclude the other.
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” as corrected in the 1-10-23 meeting. There are competing warrant articles for voters on 3-14-23. There was a question as to what happens if the vote is “Yes” on both articles?
4. After a discussion on what happens when we archive items on the town web site a quick review of items was decided: Archive the town building audits (3) performed in 2011 and the CIP Improvement recommendations of 2012-2019 and the Biomass tour of 2013.
5. It was felt we should update the CIP improvements of 2017-2024, including the Energy Efficiency Road Map noted as Item #7 in the minutes of the 1-10 minutes. Don to send an EM to Denise on items to archive and to the committee on updates for approval.
6. It was felt that the Energy Handbook and Homeowner guides also need an update. It was not decided on how best to do so.
7. 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?
8. Regarding the whole house monitor it 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, but there was still a question on whether it needed the BOS approval. Katrin didn't believe it did, but will double check, so Lou could purchase. It would be similar to the “heat loss” infrared instrument available

through the library, although it requires the borrower to apply to their electric panel. (Might need some additional safety cautions?)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Barb had sent around an email on the Community Power Accelerator webinar on 2/1 that was not discussed but can be in the meeting of 2-7-23.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Don Anderson.