

Energy Committee

11/12/2009

Present:

Amy Russell: Chair, Nate Abbott, Deven Callahan substituting for Dick DeSeve, Paul Callahan

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

### **Cash for Clunkers for wood stoves, kerosene heaters and other energy equipment.**

Paul Callahan started the discussion with the Appliance Incentive Program. Up to 50% subsidy for upgrade of appliances that save energy over existing appliances. A discussion followed. Paul suggested that we inform the selectmen. Amy brought up the program being run by the city of Keene. She said that they have an incentive program to get residents to trade in old wood stoves for new cleaner, lower emitting stoves. Discussed water furnaces and environmental issues.

### **OEP Grant application and other Grant possibilities.**

Amy confirmed that we submitted our OEP questionnaire that will lead to the possibility of being allowed to submit a grant application. Discussion ensued about the difficulty of the grant programs and the lack of clarity in the process. The current issue is the lack of a CCR number. It appears to be a designation for businesses and not for municipalities. Queries have been sent to government officials known to Paul and Amy.

### **Paul's Energy Audit of Academy Building**

Data collection is done. Decision is needed by the Selectmen as to whether level 2 or level 3 audit is required. Paul discussed some of the opportunities with the different levels of audit. He is recommending a level 3 audit. The other decision is whether a thermal imaging report should be ordered. Paul will recommend that one is not necessary. We were able to get approval from Tim Warren at the meeting to do the level 3 audit.

### **Solar Tour**

Jerry Spaulding November 21. 10AM at Crystal Lake Park. Also home across from Spauldings. Amy will distribute the information for the public.

### **Book: "The Natural Step for Communities"**

Review of Swedish towns that have taken the proactive step to be as energy efficient as possible. Reference work of information on taking those steps in US towns.

## **Paul's presentation at the library**

Deven reported that they were able to get a job with the Mitchell's. Overall the turnout was discouraging, and the Gilford presentation was equally thinly attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM