

Energy Committee

2/23/2011

Present:

Amy Russell, Chair; Nate Abbott, Clerk; Richard de Seve, Sue Hale-de Seve; Paul Callahan

The meeting was called to order at 6:14PM.

Attend 2011 Local Energy Solutions Conference on April 2.

Chairperson Russell reminded the group of this event.

Explanation of Warrant Article at Town Meeting – Handout

Contents of handout: single page list of documents to be available at a table that we will share with the Conservation Commission (Richard de Seve will contact the CC and coordinate sharing the table). The handout will describe the loan. Paul Callahan reiterated that the energy savings will pay for the loan, and that was at a \$2.50 oil price. At \$3.50 we save more than \$5,400 per year. Amy will verify the number of gallons of oil that are currently consumed heating the Academy building. Also, we will avoid putting 24 tons of carbon into the atmosphere.

The committee was in agreement that the energy payment as an offset of the loan payment should be highlighted in our presentation to the town. Clerk Abbott presented with the loan amortization schedule, the idea that the loan could be repaid at any point that the town wanted to avoid further interest charges, but at 1.25% for the first year, it makes sense to go forward with the loan and review the sentiment of the town at future town meetings.

In addition the committee discussed treatment of the windows, and we agreed that the RFP should include instructions to insulate the margins of the windows while they are out and being repaired.

List of Documents to be referenced by the handout: Loan Document, Amortization Schedule, RFP's, and the energy audit. Nate will print out the energy audit.

CDFA Loan Approved!

We have received notification that the CDFA has approved the Town's CDFA Loan application for energy improvements at the Academy Building.

Energy Star Portfolio Manager

The EPA's Energy Star division has published a new Energy Star Portfolio Manager software program. Amy copied the committee on the announcement email.

Energy Star Tips for celebrating Earth Day

Energy star will be holding a Webinar to announce their tips. The committee will see if any content comes out of the webinar that we can act on at our next meeting.

RFP's drafted

This week the committee will complete reviewing the draft RFP's and submit them in final form to the Selectmen. Paul suggested that we consider different options for a counterbalance system to allow sealing and insulation of the sash weight cavity.

The meeting adjourned at 7PM.

Approved at meeting of 5/25/2011

Duly submitted on 6/6/2011

Nathaniel T. Abbott, Clerk