

Windham Local Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2011

Call to order: 7 PM

Members Present: Dianna Fallon, Neelima Gogumalla, Tom Barstow, Jim Hebert, Josh Hebert, Rick Okerman. Neelima Gogumalla will fill Doug Wolf position until a regular member is confirmed for the committee by the Selectman.

Members Excused: Al Barrlow

Attendees: None

Agenda Items for discussion:

TRC Approval

Dave Sullivan said we have approval from TRC for both the LED light proposal and the Energy Audit for the five historic buildings. The LED lights should be scheduled shortly. We have an \$8,000 difference between the grant allocation and the accepted bids. It may be possible to access that balance if we have a compelling project. The money will be held until we finish the work and have received the payment from TRC.

ETAP

\$2 million dollars funds to help towns with energy issues. They will sit down with us after the energy audits are done they will come in and review the audit and help us with recommendations, implementation and possible funding sources. We could ask for energy audits Police, Fire, and Nesmith. Jim will call staff and ask if this project would qualify.

PAREI - Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative

Jim and Josh are members and they and Neelima will look at bring this initiative to Windham. We need to recruit volunteers and then Peter Adams started the program in Plymouth and would help us get a group started. ETAP may help with this as well.

Assessment of Energy Upgrades

Warrant Articles 14, 15, 16. The article is to provide a zero tax impact for installing alternative energy systems for solar, wind, and wood. We need to find out if they are transferable. Recommended by the Board of Selectman (4-0)

Other Business:

Workshop Feb 17, Nesmith Library, Local Agriculture presentation. Professor John Carrol, his book is Pastures to Plenty. Adjournment by e-mail: 9:45 PM

Josh is still working on the Website. Neelima will ask Eric and Wendy if the town can host the site.

Annual report for LEC due by this Friday. Neelima will draft something and send out for us to look at.

Adjourned: 8:20 PM, Motioned by Tom Barstow, Second by Josh Hebert

Next Meeting: February (last Monday of the Month) 2011 unless additional bid issues need to be addressed