

Orford Energy Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
September 8, 2015  
Orford Town Offices  
7:00 pm

Members Present: Emily Bryant (Chair), Ted Cooley (Vice Chair), Anne Duncan Cooley and Robb Day.

Minutes were presented by Emily and were read and accepted. All were in favor.

A discussion of new membership to the Energy Committee was had. Robb had contacted Jordan Sutherlin and invited him to future meetings. Emily has contacted or will contact folks on her Solarize Orford list.

Ted reported his contact with the Orford historical Society regarding the Town Hall Heritage Center windows. Many on the Historical Society's Board felt that replacing the windows was a good idea and teaming up with the Energy Committee to apply for grants would work well. There was some differing opinions but Ted will invite them to our November meeting to discuss possibilities.

Possible grant funding sources was then discussed and Anne suggested inviting Nate Miller from UVLSRPC to a meeting as well. Anne also mentioned the Northern Boarder Regional Commission as a possible source. This organization is funded through the USDA and may or may not deal with Municipalities. Anne will research.

Offering information to Orford Residents regarding car pooling and public transportation has been discussed at previous meetings. Anne suggested getting pertinent information on the Town website to inform residents of their options. Emily agreed to send information to Anne and Sheri for posting on the resources page.

Ted spoke about an Orford Energy Committee e-mail newsletter. He suggested a quarterly posting would be sufficient at this time. All thought this would be a good idea and Ted agreed to look into it.

Due to timing issues it was agreed to have no button up workshops this year but future seminars and talks were discussed. Heat pump technology seemed to be the most popular topic and Emily agreed to talk to Sarah Simmons from Vital Communities. Other topics included Biomass and Fossil Fuels. Robb suggested talking with local businesses such as Tarm USA , Lyme Green Heat and Irving Oil to set up some seminars.

Minutes were taken by Robb Day.