

Orford Energy Committee Minutes, Jan 20, 2015

Present: Committee members: Robb Day, Emily Bryant, Ted Cooley.
Meeting started around 8:00 pm.

1. Sept, 2014 Minutes: Notes from the meeting were reviewed.

2. Solarize update. Emily reported:

- Emily's solar ground mount is up and running, and another pole mount is in progress. Remaining installs are due to happen in the spring

- Overall results so far: 9 contracts have been signed; 30 quotes are out there with people who are still on the fence, 10 days to go before the deadline.

- Solarize has learned a lot and we think the best thing we can do for residents is make sure they understand the process and ask good questions so they can make the best decision for them.

- Solarize has made up a 2-page list to send out to customers outlining the site visit and install process. [Vital Communities is helping us with this.]

- We've requested that the installer add information that he doesn't normally include with his contracts but that we think will be helpful for everyone (mainly a sketch of the system and relevant dimensions so there are no surprises when it comes time for install).

- The installer has said he might be willing to extend his offer beyond Solarize, but we're not worrying about that until after the Jan. 31 deadline.

3. Fire department energy audit. Ted said that Anne Duncan Cooley asked whether the Energy Committee wanted to look into getting an energy audit for the fire department building. The fire department has asked for a significant increase in the rent that the town pays for the fire house; there was some indication that energy costs may play a role in the increase. The sense of the Committee was that we should wait till the relationship between the town and the fire department has stabilized before embarking on this.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:30pm

Notes taken by Emily Bryant.