

Orford Energy Committee Minutes, August 18, 2015

Present: Committee members: Robb Day, Emily Bryant, Ted Cooley,
Meeting started around 7:00 pm.

This was a brainstorming meeting

1. How to get more people:

>>> Robb will check with Jordan Sunderland, who has expressed interest in the past, especially on helping with the Town Offices building.

>>> Emily will send an email to Solarize folks to see if there's interest.

We will keep the meetings on second Tuesdays – next meeting to be Tues Sept 8.

Comment: To get more people we need to have a direction.

2. What projects to do:

Emily thought it would be good to have something defined that can be accomplished without too much problem. Some ideas discussed include:

a) Town Hall Heritage Center is thinking about what it would take to make the windows more efficient. Kathy Baker talked with Anne Duncan Cooley about this. Skip Gould estimated a cost of \$30K. Anne thought there might be a program through Rural Deveolpment.

>>> Ted will ask Anne about RD and Skip Gould about coordinating with Historical Soc on THHC.

b) Ted mentioned that the municipality of Durham is looking at energy use in transportation (not just in buildings

c) Town Offices: Need to have a thorough review of the building so money is not wasted on energy projects if it turns out, for instance, that the foundation needs to be replaced. Selectmen may hire an engineer.

d) Resource center. How to make it easy for folks to take advantage of the energy programs that are out there, e.g from utilities.

e) Park and Ride/ Car Pooling

>>> Ted will look into car pool web sites (yes, Upper Valley Ride Share does still exist)

f) Button-Up workshop: Probably would be best at this point to either to see if we could join in with one that another organization is putting on this fall, or wait till later, or if there is an easy one to put on (e.g. provide a room, some cookies, and some PR).

>>> Ted will ask Anne whether COVER is doing such workshops.

By the end of the meeting it seemed as if coordinating with the THHC Building Committee on energy would be a good project to focus on. Perhaps we could help locate grants to cover costs.

3) Library Newsletter: This would be an eay to get the word out. We should pay if we use it. This led to:

4) Budget: Suggested budget:

- 4 entries in the Friends of the Libraries newsletter @ \$25	\$100
- 2 boxhoder mailings for workshop and movie @ \$130	\$260
- Movie purchase or rental	\$100

Total **\$460**

>>> Emily will send this budget request to Sheri and see how to proceed.

Meeting adjourned at about 7:45pm

Notes taken by Emily Bryant.