
Orford Energy Committee

Meeting of the Committee

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Tuesday 11th August 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Online Meeting via Zoom – Details Below

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Meeting called to order 7:03 PM**

Those present via Zoom video conference: Jordon Sutherlin, John Miller, Ted Cooley (chair), Mark Blanchard

2. **Approve Minutes:**

14th July 2020 Online Meeting, minutes approved.

3. **Reports & Updates:**

- Ted reported that Historic registration has been approved. Esther asked during telephone briefing whether improvements to the building, such as the heating system upgrade would be impacted. Ted explained, as had been described to the Selectboard that any such changes would not have any impact on status. Esther also noted that rerouting of exhaust venting is to be included in this project.
- Town Offices Projects
 - Foundation – no updates
 - Furnace / Thermostat

Jordon reported that follow-up on earlier discussions regarding the furnace project indicate that bids were received on a project specification provided by ARC Mechanical with the award going to Thomson Fuels in the approximate amount of \$9,000. ARC Mechanical bid came in at approx.. \$12,000. The propane furnaces will be replaced in-kind with higher efficiency units. The heating will be split into 2 zones with Niles Room and Police Department in a second zone. Ductwork changes are to have been included. Jordon noted that no feedback has been received regarding concerns related to weatherization, foundation leaks & general condition. It is assumed that these items if addressed will be a separate project. Ted noted that NHSaves continues to offer municipal incentives.
- Grant opportunities – no additional topics discussed

4. **Business:**

- Outstanding invoice – Selectboard alerted
 - Mark reported that he will not continue to correspond with the contactor regarding invoicing unless directed to do so. This has been referred to the Selectboard. Jordon confirmed that there had never been any indication of a paid site examination, believing that the site visit by this contractor was a preliminary to RFQ.
- Potential projects
 - Battery Backup, microgrids, and Broadband – No further information
- OEC Website contents – nothing additional

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- Energy Committee members / candidates
 - Ted reminded the group of the ongoing recruiting needs and observed that women are absent from the committee and would be most welcome.
 - Other Business
 - Ted reported on efforts by Vital Communities to organize and support additional rounds of Weatherize. Funding potentially greater than enjoyed during Round 1.

5. **Next meetings:**

Committee Meetings:

8th September 2020, Online Via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

13th October 2020, Online Via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

6. **Adjourned 7:28**

Mark moved to adjourn. Jordon seconded.

Topic: OEC 2nd Tuesday Zoom Meeting

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