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# Orford Energy Committee

*Meeting of the Committee*

\*\*\* **PLEASE NOTE FORMAT CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19** \*\*\*

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Online Meeting via Zoom – Details Below**

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Meeting called to Order, 7:03 PM**

Those present: Ted Cooley (chair), Robb Day, John Miller, Scott Gagnon, Jordon Sutherlin (joined in progress)

2. **Approved Minutes:**

8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Online Meeting. Approved with spelling correction. Robb moved to approve; Scott seconded

3. **Reports & Updates**

- Town Offices energy Projects - Jordon
  - Foundation – no new progress to report recognizing cold weather realities.
  - Furnace / Thermostat

Jordon reported on his visit to Town Offices and discussion with Deb Hadlock regarding work in-progress by Thomson Energy. Jordon took photographs (see attachments). The installers have been in and out with work progressing in increments. Currently the thermostat in the Selectboard office is set at 70F, but Police Dept and Town Clerk offices don't appear to be active, as they are much colder. Deb is using a portable electric heater in the interim and awaiting further installation tasks. Ted asked about evidence of plenum redistribution and whether "smart thermostats" had been installed per bid specifications. Thermostats, "yes" and plenum "apparently in progress. Jordon feels that follow-up investigation / site visits advisable. He noted that employee comfort had been a high priority / primary objective.

Jordon noted that the next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 and that it would be helpful if someone from OEC could attend. Ted noted that there is a challenge to participation as dial-in option discontinued and in-person attendance has resulted in lengthy exposure awaiting discussion.

- Grant opportunities
  - Ted reported that he has been watching for grant opportunities that might apply, such as NHSaves LED lighting, etc.
- Button Up Webinar Follow-up
  - Ted inquired whether members had participated in NHSaves Button Up webinar promoted by Lyme Energy Committee. As none had done so, Ted will attempt to obtain PowerPoint slides or similar if available.

4. **Business:**

(20 minutes)

- Potential projects

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Ted invited ideas for future projects. Jordon asked whether OEC could solicit donated insulation materials for use in Town Office basement. These could be coupled with additional volunteer labor to continue efforts to improve heat efficiency. Ted advised that Selectboard approval of such would likely be required or at least highly recommended.

Jordon also inquired about another solarize initiative focused upon Rivendell Schools. Ted expressed his recollection that there was a concern related to the high school's roof carrying capacity. John suggested the possible consideration of Solaflect tracker units such as are in use at the Harwood property along NH Route 10 and at Hanover's Richmond School. Ted suggests preliminary discussion with Rivendell administration toward appraising their buy-in. Response to COVID-19 has surely shifted priorities. Scott suggested that the Vermont-based buildings, Westshire and Samuel Morey might be candidates. Jordon asked if Fairlee has an energy committee and Ted suggested that he inquire.

Ted elaborated about follow-up contact with Lyme toward OEC's interest in an additional round of "Weatherize" residential energy audits / insulation project work. He will keep the group informed. Although there is no expressed interest from OEC, further details may prove to be helpful.

- OEC Website contents  
Ted again requested that members continue to be attentive for public service information. He also suggested that 350NH.org may offer materials of interest.
- Energy Committee members / candidates
  - OEC Nomination(s) – none offered at this time.
- Other Business

5. **Next meetings:** (≈1 month)  
Committee Meetings:  
10<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Online Via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Online Via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

6. **Adjourn**

**Topic: OEC 2nd Tuesday Zoom Meeting**

Time: Oct 13, 2020 19:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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