

Orford Energy Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
January 9th, 2018
Orford Town Offices
7:00 pm

Present: Ted Cooley (Chair), Jordon Sutherlin, Robb Day (Secretary), David Smith (Selectboard), John Miller and Emily Bryant.

Ted opened the meeting. Approval of December Minutes were tabled until the February meeting.

Ted passed out copies of the proposed Town Report write up for the Orford Energy Committee. Jordon felt that David Smith's role as Facilities Coordinator should be listed. Everyone agreed and Ted will submit the report for publication in the Report.

David informed the group that a Dead River technician will be at the Town Office on Friday. The technician suggested that we split the plenum between the furnaces and divide the building into heating zones instead of having a dual thermostat for a heating solution. Jordan voiced his concern for the solution. Robb thought with the additional duct work needed for this solution may be costly. Jordon thought he could attend the meeting on Friday at 10:00 and voice his concerns. Ted will try to make it by 10:30. David shared pictures of frosting issues that are due to the exhaust of the furnaces being located adjacent to the front steps. Ted pointed out that we have discussed this problem before with the Selectboard. Jordon felt we could discuss this with the technician on Friday. David also informed the group that the rodent issues are still ongoing and the backup generator has had some issues during the cold snap. Jordon brought up the foundation problems on the Town Office. David informed the group that Sheri will be the contact person regarding the foundation. He felt that we could address it in the spring but we do need a plan to bring to the Selectboard before then. David suggested that we put temporary insulation around the inside of the foundation until spring to help and mitigate any heat loss issues that have been an issue this season and that he has the insulation. Emily mentioned that during her discussions with the Weatherize teams, there has been talk of

Municipal building energy assessments available free of charge. Ted mentioned that we had one done seven or so years ago and another one would not be a bad idea.

Ted informed the Committee that there is a new rep for Go Solar, a solar installation company out of Bradford. The rep informed him that she would like to host a community meeting. Ted gave her contact information for Rivendell to be able to use the facilities but that we, as a Town entity, cannot favor one private business over another.

Our Weatherize kickoff event is scheduled for January 27th at 2:00 in the Rivendell Academy Multipurpose room. John shared information regarding the recent audit he had done at his home. He was concerned that he was unable to receive a full professional report that had been promised by Vital Communities. This also concerned Emily and she felt we needed to contact Sarah Brock. He also stated that since he has more than two sources of heat, he is unable to qualify for NH Saves funding. Overall he was happy with the information he received from Building Alternatives (an approved contractor). He felt that even though he did not qualify for funding, the information was well worth the \$50 audit charge. Although he will be out of Town for a few days, he agreed to contact Sarah and help out however he can. Ted said that the setup for the kickoff event will be at 1:00. Sarah has requested someone volunteer to run the meeting and all felt that David Perlman of Lyme, as our group leader should take that position. Ted will follow up with Sarah regarding logistics. Emily agreed to provide cookies and get the additional signage from Sarah for our banner. Robb agreed to put up the banner at the dump (Orford Transfer Station). Emily passed out posters and cards and agreed to put a listing out on the Town Listserve. John agreed to be a Town Contact and Mark was volunteered as well.

Ted made mention that our March meeting should be rescheduled as is falls on Town Meeting day. The group rescheduled for March 6th.

Robb motioned to adjourn, David seconded and all were in favor.