

Orford Energy Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Orford Town Offices  
7:00 P.M.

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

Ted called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Ted moved to accept the April Minutes as read, John seconded, and all were in favor.

David reported that there is nothing to report as the Facilities Coordinator. He was looking for volunteers to help with fence repair at the Town Office. David agreed to notify the group of an upcoming workday.

Jordon and David reported on their meeting with Mike Wright regarding drainage issues behind the Town Office. Mike suggested creating a drainage ditch to divert water away from the building. They discussed the use of stone and pipe to remove the water as well as a possible retaining wall. As of the meeting time there was not an official quote, but it was in the works. David spoke with Clifton Taylor and is awaiting a quote from him as well. It was also agreed that the contractor would dig some research holes to determine depth to bedrock and soil type. Mark asked about underground utilities such as gas lines and electrical lines.

John and Mark attended a Vital Communities Energy Committee Round Table and a Hanover Ready for 100 Sustainability Seminar. John sent out packets of information from the seminars and John and Mark both felt they were worthwhile. Topics such as sustainable transportation and heat generation were covered.

John and Mark lead a short discussion regarding The Upper Valley and Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund on grants and access to sustainability information for local Energy Committees.

David reported that the signs for the Orford Fire Department Park and Ride were stolen. Larry Taylor agreed to extend the parking area and the Corporation will replace the signs.

Jordon contacted Willey's Seamless Gutters and received a quote for gutters to be installed on the front and back of the Town Office building.

Just the back would be \$3015, and both would be \$5900. All agreed that this may help with

drainage issues, but Mark was concerned that installing gutters may be going one step too far at this time and suggested that we stick with the drainage first.

Jordon is researching construction of hot air collectors and asked the group if there was any interest. Ted expressed interest and asked to keep us in the loop. He also agreed to ask folks that he knows who were involved with similar projects in the past.

Mark questioned if Geothermal could be a good option for the Town Office. There was a short discussion on Solar panels and heat pumps. Emily will be installing a heat pump at her house and will keep the Committee informed.

Ted moved to adjourn and John Seconded; all were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

Minutes were taken by Robb Day.