

Orford Energy Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
June 11th 2019
Orford Town Offices
7:00

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

A motion was made by John and seconded by Emily to accept the May 2019 OEC minutes with corrections, all were in favor. Ted agreed to submit the approved minutes.

Ted asked if there was any news from the Facilities Coordinator. David replied that there was not. Robb mentioned that Esther had contacted him and asked that he inform David that she had contacted local contractors to repair the fence.

Mark suggested that we request that the Selectboard look into other fuel and propane suppliers for the Town as we have had problems working with Dead River. Jordon asked for an update regarding the furnace repairs. Ted informed the group of the plan to place each furnace on its own thermostat. This work has yet to be completed. Jordon suggested contacting Dead River again. Emily felt we should contact the Selectboard. David informed the group that there was no service contract with Dead River at the time he left the board. Mark mentioned that buying clubs were also a good way to save money on oil and gas purchasing. After a short discussion Jordon agreed to contact Esther and ask about service contracts and heating fuel and gas providers.

Ted moved on to the Town office foundation. Jordon and David have been working with Mike Wright and Clifton Taylor to get quotes to repair drainage issues behind the building. Jordon had not heard from Mike, but David had spoken with Clifton. Clifton agreed to give the Town a free day of labor as he is working next door. He agreed to dig some test pits and determine depth to bedrock to better assess the scope of the project. Robb asked if he would work on the proposed drainage as well and it was unknown. Mark suggested that we ask for Selectboard approval and all agreed. Jordon agreed to contact Ester regarding this action and David will be in touch with Clifton.

Mark contacted Miles Stetson from Engineering Ventures in Lebanon, NH and Annette Dey Engineering in Walpole, NH regarding possible information and solutions for the Town Office foundation repairs/replacement. He had yet to hear back. Ted had also not heard back from Carl Schmidt about historic building registration.

John discussed recent energy articles that he has been researching to post for OEC outreach. He has contacted NH SAVES and the US Department of Energy. NH SAVES has not been favorable to us re-posting their material and the US DOE has not responded to his requests as of yet. The group discussed how to post information and whether to use the Town website or the Town listserve. John informed the group that many sources bring opinion and politics into the discussion and he would like to stick to the facts only when we distribute the information. All agreed. Mark felt that we should just be sure to use good judgment in our discussions.

Ted informed the group that the next OEC meeting is July 9th and that we have a scheduled meeting with the Selectboard on July 24th to discuss our activities. This is our annual meeting with the Selectboard as there is no Selectboard reps at Committee and Commission meetings anymore. Ted agreed to present at our meeting. Many felt that the Selectboard should have a rep on every Commission or Committee. Ted suggested that we draft a letter to the Selectboard. All agreed.

Robb asked when OEC elections are. Ted informed the group that the elections are held in April and that we did not have elections in 2019. Robb suggested that we hold elections in July as he would no longer seek to hold the position of Secretary. Ted shared with the group the current list of members and alternates and when folks terms are up.

Ted moved that we hold elections next month for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, John Seconded and all were in favor.

John moved to adjourn, and Mark seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13.

Minutes taken by Robb Day.