

**Orford Energy Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
January 14, 2020, 7:00pm  
Orford Town Offices**

Present: Regular members: Ted Cooley (Chair), Mark Blanchard (Vice Chair) Robb Day, John Miller, Jordon Sutherlin; Alternates: Emily Bryant (Secretary).

Meeting came to order at 7:01 pm

**1. Minutes of December 10, 2019:**

*Motion* (John/Mark): to accept the minutes of December 10, 2019 with minor revisions – the motion passed.

**2. Town Offices Foundation:** Jordon called Kevin Fagnant about doing the foundation work and described what needed to be done. Kevin’s feeling was that the cost would be in the same range as what Eric Page (of Ross Page company) had suggested. He is willing to come take a look.

>>> Jordon will reach out to both Kevin Fagnant and Eric Page about when they can come visit. Mark had two observations: 1) Re: Town Trust Funds: People in town may be looking to take or borrow money from town trust funds to help with the bond for Archertown Road repairs. This would be possible by passing a warrant article at Town Meeting. It might impact how we would pay for foundation work, if funds were taken from the building maintenance trust fund. 2) In selecting someone to do work on the foundations, we may need to be sensitive to whether the contractor is bondable. The Town doesn’t want to end up with an unfinished project. Jordon indicated that the Ross Page company seems to be a well-established company.

>> Jordon will check on Kevin Fagnant’s company’s credentials.

**3. Furnace / Thermostat** – no further information or action on this.

**4. Town Offices Drainage/ Water Mitigation:** Jordon hasn’t gotten through to Clifton Taylor yet about scheduling work. Mark suggested that we should schedule a time for the work - maybe March would work – soils thawed, but other projects not under way yet. We should talk with Clifton by Feb 1 if we want to schedule him for March.

>> Mark (with Jordon’s approval) will try to connect with Clifton about scheduling.

**5. Historic Registration of Town Offices.** Ted wrote a letter to the Select Board to request permission for the Energy Committee to send in an application to put the Town Offices building on the Historic Register. He checked to see if there is a fee for the application, but did not find that there was any.

**6. Energy saving steps:** Ted made a point with the Select Board that if the Town Office were on the Historic Register, it would help in getting grants for energy conservation projects. Mark mentioned an article in the Journal Opinion about a building in Glenclyff that received a “Seven to Save” Grant from the NH Preservation Alliance. That building did not look particularly special physically, so perhaps it could be argued that even if the Town Offices is considered by some to be just an old school, it might have a chance at receiving grants.

**7. Other energy issues:** John learned that Thetford had a program where volunteers helped assemble custom-fit indoor storm windows from Window Dressers (based in Maine) for people

in town who wanted them and might or might not be able to pay the full amount (~\$40 per window). This has been done in Maine and Vermont, but not NH. Is there a reason?

>> John will look and see why Window Dressers is not in NH.

It was suggested as well to check with Martha Tecca, who does community work professionally. Jordon mentioned that he worked making custom indoor storm windows, and that it is key to have people who know how to measure the windows correctly. This might be a problem with volunteers.

**8. Draft of Energy Committee Annual Report.** Ted drafted a report; committee members should get back to him with edits before next Wednesday 1/22/20.

**9. Committee members.** Terms are up this March for Mark and Emily. They should be in touch with Ted about whether they want to be re-appointed.

**10. Mobilizing volunteers:** There was discussion about how to mobilize volunteers for things like Window Dressers. Mark suggested that we could go to the school and listen to what the students are interested in, and see if we can help them, reversing the usual request of help from the students for the committee.

*Motion* (Mark/John) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56

Next meetings: 2/11/20; 3/10/20 (at Town Meeting), 4/14/20

Minutes taken by Emily Bryant