
Orford Energy Committee

Meeting of the Committee

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

Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Online Meeting via Zoom – Details Below

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call To Order**, 7:09 PM (delayed due to technical difficulties, Zoom)
Those present: Ted Cooley (Chair), Jordon Sutherlin, Robb Day, Scott Gagnon (Alternate), and John Miller
2. **Approve Minutes:**
 - 12th May 2020 Online Meeting, correction noted; Jordon moved and Robb 2nd, approved.
 - 9th June 2020 Online Meeting, correction noted; Jordon moved and Robb 2nd, approved.
3. **Reports & Updates:**
 - Town Offices Projects
 - Foundation – no progress noted. Jordon mentioned that he chose not to pursue further contacts due to likely fiscal constraints due to Covid-19 impact upon Town capital improvement projects.
 - Furnace / Thermostat – significant discussion summarized as follows: Ted reviewed information received from Esther Dobbins-Marsh. (See Appendix). Ted invited comments from group.
 - Robb questioned requirement for dual furnaces as newer equipment with condenser should yield > 90% efficiency, far better than current units. Scott agreed.
 - Jordon noted that he had discussed the dual furnace issue with Scott Nichols of HS Tarm. There was note of a potential physical size issue with room in basement and possible access limitations. Jordon emailed summary of his meeting with Scott. (See Appendix).
 - Jordon also noted that he had met with John Adams (apparently after RFP note received from Esther) and expressed concern about existing duct work among several other issues not noted in the RFP. He noted that John had negative experience with heat pump technology in his residence (?) several years ago and that seems to have biased him against this option. Jordon also noted that Scott felt that the existing intake and exhaust ducting doesn't meet current safety specifications.
 - Robb reminded the group of a meeting that he had several months ago with Rick Dickenson. The Town Office foundation condition was thought to present serious heat loss issues if not addressed as part of any upgrade.
 - Ted noted that the project and OEC's ability to assist with consultation and recommendation is a very challenging goal as there are so many variables in addition to the heat source recommendation. These include, but are not limited to the condition of foundation (air infiltration), absence of adequate insulation, infrastructure (wiring), etc. He will strive

to summarize OEC concerns in time for Select board deliberations scheduled for Wednesday, July 15.

- Grant opportunities – no new items

4. **Business:**

- Historic registration – no progress reported
- Outstanding invoice – no further correspondence received
- Potential projects
 - Battery Backup, microgrids, and Broadband
 - Ted noted that Sarah Brock is back at Vital Communities and has offered opportunity to attend Zoom webinar on NH Energy Efficiency programs overview. He also encouraged members to take advantage of UVLSRPC broadband survey. John agreed to check to ensure link still live for the survey.
- OEC Website contents – no new material suggested
- Energy Committee members / candidates
 - Ted encouraged recruitment of new members and emphasized that gender balance would be a plus.
- Other Business - none

5. **Next meetings:**

(≈1 month)

Committee Meetings:

11th August 2020, Online or Niles Room, Orford Town Office, 7:00 p.m.

8th September 2020, Online or Niles Room, Orford Town Office, 7:00 p.m.

6. **Adjourn –**

Jordon moved to adjourn, Scott 2nd, approved 7:47 PM

Topic: OEC 2nd Tuesday Zoom Meeting

Time: Jul 14, 2020 19:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Appendix

(See Attachments)

Respectfully submitted

John Miller

Secretary