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## Orford Energy Committee

*Meeting of the Committee*

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

***Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7:00 P.M.***

**Online Meeting via Zoom – Details Below**

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### **MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Meeting called to order 7:04 PM.**

Those present: Mark Blanchard (Acting Chair), Scott Gagnon, John Miller. Jordon Sutherlin joined in progress.

2. **Approved Minutes:**

10<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Online Meeting, Scott moved to accept as submitted, Mark second, approved.

3. **Reports & Updates:**

- Town Projects – no updates, except as noted.
  - Offices energy Projects
    - Foundation
    - Furnace / Thermostat
  - Highway Department Project

Town Garage flooring insulation recommendation. Jordon reports that he has been unable to attend Selectboard meetings on this topic and is unsure about status, nor aware of construction progress.
- Grant opportunities – no updates
- Future Webinars and other Presentations – information is currently posted at [orfordnh.us](http://orfordnh.us) town website under Commissions & Committees, Energy Committee <http://orfordnh.us/commissions-committees/energy-committee/>

4. **Business:**

- Potential projects

Jordon and Mark note that due to COVID in person meeting restrictions, it seems that OEC should focus upon local scale projects and recommendations. Mark submitted an information email for distribution via Listserv to Orford community members requesting suggestions. Jordon favors outreach and approves of Mark's draft letter.

John mentioned interest in Electric Vehicles and EV Charging Stations. He noted that most expansion of public EV charging stations appears to be east of I-93 in the more populous areas of NH. He agreed to investigate further prior to next OEC meeting.

Scott volunteered to investigate vegetable oil diesel fuel conversion and Jordon expressed interest in volunteering his truck for testing and demonstration purposes. Mark observed that Biofuels had gained some interest but presented supply side challenges with larger players absorbing

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used vegetable oils. Scott clarified that his interest is in low-tech, small scale solutions.

Jordon also suggested that he and his wife recently went through a extensive selection process leading up to purchase of a Toyota Prius Prime (plug-in) and has gathered a wealth of buyers guide information that might be shared. He also identified rebate incentives still available.

Mark felt that it would be helpful to identify half a dozen or so additional folks that might share their insights and experience in selecting similar hybrid and / or EV vehicles. They might be willing to work with Jordon to provide helpful information to the community.

John suggested that Jordon might draft a personal story highlighting his experience and offer information to those interested.

John also asked the group whether community interest in broadband expansion in Orford might fall under OEC's mission and purpose. Jordon agreed that it should, especially in this era of remote operations requiring robust internet access for nearly every community member. It was noted that there is currently a Broadband Committee working with the Selectboard. Mark thought that Ted might be willing to investigate and offer our participation if thought to be helpful.

- OEC Website contents – as noted above, information is currently located at <http://orfordnh.us/commissions-committees/energy-committee/> and information from Potential projects may be added as appropriate.
- Energy Committee members / candidates
  - OEC Nomination(s) – none at this time  
Mark notes that all correspondence, such as via Listserv, Facebook, etc. should include invitation to inquire regarding membership.
- Other Business – none at this time with exception of all wishing our Chair, Ted Cooley well.

5. **Next meetings:**

Committee Meetings:

12<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Online Via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Online Via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

6. **Adjourned 7:51PM**

Jordon moved to adjourn, Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting adjourned

**Topic: OEC 2nd Tuesday Zoom Meeting**

Time: Dec 08, 2020 19:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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