

Tamworth Volunteer Energy Committee
Draft Minutes of Meeting 12/3/08
Cook Memorial Library

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Catherine Mersfelder, Lee Custer, Peg Custer, Donna Veilleux (associate),
Cimbria Badenhausen, Hank Letarte (visitor)

2. Public Comment

Hank Letarte explained some of the details of his refinery where he refines used cooking oil into biodiesel fuel. He is able to produce 175 gal/ day.

Hank also suggested that the committee build a man-powered bicycle energy generator that could be used as an educational tool to demonstrate energy use, and also used by other groups as a rental. Lee Custer will follow through and try to recruit a few experienced volunteers to help with the building.

3. Approval of Minutes of Draft Minutes from October 29, 2008

Correction: B, 5 should read, "5 new signs to be placed around town".

4. Financial Report

Balance on hand from NGRF Grant is \$543.32

5. Streetlight Conversion Plan

No response yet from PSNH (K.Lewis). Donna Veilleux will continue to follow-up. The plan is to acquire a better assessment and explanation from PSNH at a meeting to be attended by representatives from the BOS, Planning Bd., and Energy Comm.

6. Community Projects

Discussion ensued concerning community education projects. Catherine Mersfelder will attempt to involve other community organizations in a series of programs in the early spring. They might include films, lectures and/or demonstrations all dealing with some aspect of energy use.

The committee plans to use their current display board at Town Meeting in March and to give away 250 CFL bulbs. It would also be a good time to distribute a questionnaire for feed-back.

7. Green Building Standards and Planning Bd. Involvement

No member of the Planning Bd. was able to attend this meeting since a work session was scheduled at the same time. We will continue to encourage their involvement in the streetlight conversion plan and green building standards consistent with the Master Plan.

8. There was no new business

9. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting: 1/9/09 Cook Memorial Library 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Mersfelder, Chair

