

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE VOLUNTEER ENERGY COMMITTEE of Tamworth

February 15, 2008

Meeting Date: February 12, 2008

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.

Present: Donna Veilleux, Cathy Mersfelder, Sam Sayers, Lee Custer, Peg Custer

Absent: Cimbria Badenhausen

2. Minutes of January meeting accepted

ORDER OF BUSINESS

3. Review of Matrix (from Westchester County NY) provided by Cimbria. Prioritize issues for committee and all agreed we will use this as a resource to develop our goals.

Goals agreed upon:

Start audit process, schedule with PSNH

Provide Community education on energy usage.

Provide Community information on this Committee and its workings

Find Funding resources

Develop evaluation tools for projects we undertake

4. Reviewed time line/proposal and permission for data retrieval for audit process.

Discussion ensued on the process. We agreed to pair projects so more can be done on a given day. The idea is to provide PSNH with our list and ask them to assess how long each would take and how many they can do in one day. The grouping is as follows:

a) Police Station and Town House; b) Town Office and Library;

c) Fire Stations, Rec. Bldg, and Transfer Station. The School had an audit done approximately 2-3 yrs ago. Donna working along with Cimbria will contact PSNH for their estimate of which ones, when and how long each will take. Is there a cost to this process? We know we will need to see that all bills are provided or that they have access to this information. This requires working with the Selectmen.

5. Discussion on our mini-project. Exit lights-School has LED's (26 except 2 not); Cook Library has 6 LED's; Town House has 4 incandescent bulbs. Fire houses have no lit exit signs nor does the Transfer Station. Police Station and Rec. Bldg. do not have any lit exit signs. (we noted they have back up systems which reflect on their reflective exit signs..) The Town Office has 5, all LED's. Sam had a price for replacement LED units @\$22.95 each Lee is to speak with Willie Farnum about the possibility of replacing the Town House ones while renovation work is going on. There would be an \$80/ yr saving per bulb.

6. Outreach to Community and Grant Monies. We will provide an educational event at our table on Family Day and will try to acquire a table at the Farmers' Market in the summer. Project would include a demonstration with electricity usage monitors showing the cost of running LED's versus regular light bulbs and possibly distributing one (1) bulb to each Tamworth household, up to 200. Also we will advertise that people can bring in an appliance to check cost of running it. Cost of each bulb is \$1.00. Therefore we are seeking a grant of \$700 to

fund this project. Sam will fill out the grant request to New England Grassroots Environmental Fund.

Sustainability meeting on Sunday the 17th. There will not be an official representation but several members will be present. Peg agreed to do up a brief flyer to distribute there, with Selectman's approval. This will state our existence, our goals, our mini-project, our grant seeking and welcome any comments and a reminder that our minutes are posted on the Town Website.

7. We acknowledged the adopted BOS document on municipal inter communications.

8. Agreed- we as a committee need to set a protocol for visitors' input when they come to our meetings, which are of course open to the public at all times.

9. Set date of Tuesday March 11, 2008 at 6:30pm at Cook Library for our next meeting.

Adjournment at 8:30pm

Submitted by Secretary, The Rev. Peg Custer
Roland Custer