

VOLUNTEER ENERGY COMMITTEE OF TAMWORTH

APRIL 8, 2008

6:30PM

Called to order at 6:40pm

Present: Donna Veileux, Kathy Mersfelder, Lee and Peg Custer, Sam Sayers, Cimbria
Badenhausen; guest Michelle Cleveland

Public Comment period: None present to comment

Reviewed/approved draft minutes of March 11, 2008 Correction: Cimbria B was present

Grant Application Review: This application has to be accepted by Selectmen. We are a municipal committee. Donna V will present application to Selectmen on 4/9/08. Asked that she be relieved of this so Lee and Peg Custer and Sam Sayers will do so. After review the grant was edited and needed information added. Michelle will complete and have to us by 4/9. We thanked Sam and Michelle for the work done on this grant.

Meeting with Donna Keeley from PSNH. Donna, Cimbria, Kathy, Will Farnum, Parker Roberts and Jay Rancourt met with Donna K and went through the designated buildings. Library and Town Office bulbs are in compliance. Parker will see that the fixtures and bulbs get changed in the Town House. Donna read a letter from Ms. Keeley stating that their audit program will not work with our project. Suggested we buy bulbs locally or at discount. Greg is the energy person at PSNH. Committee requested that Donna V ask for Ms. Keeley's notes she took while doing the review. These contain details about lighting, etc.

Sam announced that the energy meeting in Moultonboro has been cancelled.

Continuation of public outreach conversation: Write up in Civic News about what we are doing, what we see happening etc. Sam and Michelle. Committee saw need to get input to Ruth Timchak for the Master Plan on sustainability. Donna will ask to have a walk through at the school to check on bulbs and computer energy usage. Will seek appointment with a facility person there. The more information we get out to Tamworth public the more we expect people to be interested and willing to address energy usage. We spoke about the important of interaction with the variety of committees in town and county who are addressing some of the same issue.

Under new business we discussed generating a volunteer lighting audit for people to use, develop process and procedures on not only purchase of bulbs but the necessary information and procedure for disposal of broken bulbs. The information that they contain a little mercury has raised some concerns.

We discussed the need to address idling engines (Willie has requested some "no idling" signs from State but never came>) Donna reported on the reorganization of Town Office Personnel and the "go to" people.

Cimbria asked if we would like to be a sponsor of the Fall Conference she is planning on energy and sustainability and we voted we would be a sponsor. There is no cost to this. From the Chocorua Civic Association Peg mentioned that in the phase II of the development of the Rt. 16 and 113 intersection they will be putting up lights. She suggested we ask to be involved in the selection of the type of bulbs used. We discussed the use of the town web for publicity esp. about our meeting, not just using the minutes for information.

Next Meeting: Our policies and procedures to be reviewed for presentation to Selectmen; also plan the Family Day, Farmers' Market display; discuss the outdoor bulbs being used and continue the discussion on an idling policy or recommendation.

Donna nominated Michelle Cleveland to be an Associate member of the Committee. This was seconded and unanimously voted upon.

Date of next meeting moved to May 20th at Library at 6:30pm

Roland Custer