

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Present: Co-chairs Donna Veilleux, Cathy Mersfelder and members
Cimbriia
Baudenhausen, Sam Sayers, Peg Custer, Lee Custer

Minutes - accepted unanimously, with one typo corrected.

2) Report by Donna and Cimbria on PSNH contact
Town audits-Donna read a letter to Donna Keeley of

PSNH asking
about their audit procedures and for their guidance; a response
was made and they are willing to meet and do a pre-view of the
buildings. There was no answer on the cost. They offered April
3, Thurs., in the AM to meet. Donna will ask her to prioritize the
buildings to be visited. At least two of the members will be
present. Want to ask about the street lights and also any further
data on the Brett School.

3) School Audit-Kathy Barrett SAU 13 supplied the response. The data
from PSNH &
company who did repairs was used. According to correspondence from the
principal of
Brett the energy audit was restricted to the refurbished lighting
system in the Fall
of 2005. Redone about a year later there has been no new audit. No
general energy
audit has been done, at least since 2003. It was suggested we ask to
include both
heat usage and insulation in any audit. We will ask PSNH to add the
School to our
list of pairings and to keep it separate in order to investigate a
fuller audit.
Donna V. will contact the School and find possible dates to visit the
facility.

4/5) Grant application: Pertaining to the energy monitors-Katie's
Other Store owns
2 units which she lends out. Discussion ensued as to using those or
purchasing our
own. Lee suggested we get 3 of our own (\$300) so have them readily
available for
any educational projects we might want to carry out. It was also noted
that the
Other Store contains a library on Sustainability Issues.
A discussion followed on light bulbs, the released information about
breakage and
mercury disposal and including directions for disposal if and when we
distribute any
bulbs, and to do an educational information brochure about this matter.
We
mentioned the need for a hazard waste disposal area and so noted that
there is one

in Meredith and also that we can collect such bulbs on Hazard Waste Days. We also discussed ways to facilitate this disposal for town residents.

Review of Grant Application: A few changes were suggested to the proposal to make it more specific. In reference to the above discussion Sam and Cimbria offered to attend the Coalition of Energy Groups meeting on April 10th. Sam asked for a few bio sentences on each member of our group which the proposal calls for. We are each to forward these as soon as possible to Sam. The budget for the Project for Education was examined and updated to include more educational printed materials, including books, brochures, workbooks, the design, etc. We agreed to work with a budget of \$1700 coming from the Grant. A thank you letter is to be sent to Michelle Cleveland for all her work on the Proposal. At Donna's suggestion and with our concurrence she will invite Michelle to become an Associate member of our Committee. All of above elicited a lengthy discussion about our projects, brochures, costs and direction along with the other related matter.

6) All of our Committee information flyers were distributed at the Sustainability Mtg. We noted there will be a potluck by this group on March 16th which Cimbria offered to attend and to be a table leader. Lee and Peg will attempt to attend also.

7) Lee reported that all the exit lights at the Town House were now LED's, done during the rewiring work. All buildings we examined have LED's.

8) Cimbria distributed samples of 4 brochures from WestChester County, NY. "How Green is My Town" was done by a grassroots environmental education group. Info on "grassrootsinfor.org". We discussed being one of the sponsoring groups for a regional education event next Fall or Spring 2009. Cimbria is developing this as part of her business. Donna recommended that Cimbria contact Epping town to make initial contact with them about ICKLEI software. Peg was supplied a list of NH towns who currently use this program. (Dover, Epping, Keene, Nashua, Portsmouth, Rochester, Southwest RPC) So noted: Cook Library gets "YES" magazine, last issue, Spring 2008, was on global warming.

9) Discussion on public attendance and participation--all meetings are open to the public. Donna moved that we provide opportunity for public comments before and at the end of each meeting with a time limit of 15 minutes for each. By consensus accepted.

10) Next meeting April 18th, 6:30PM, Cook Memorial Library

Adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted
The Rev. Peg Custer, Secretary