

## November 23, 2009 Corinth Energy Committee

Present: Ginny Barlow, Chair; Brad Caswell, Russ Pazdro, Laurie Sheridan and Anne Margolis

Meeting began at 7:00. Minutes of September 21 and October 26 meetings were approved.

The EECBG grant application period is now open with Initial Application due by December 8 at 4 pm. Anne offered to hand-deliver the completed application. The maximum grant for energy efficiency retrofit is \$50,000. Since the committee has been working toward a minimum goal of \$100,000, the project must be greatly reduced. The group largely feels that the most energy can be saved by working on a garage retrofit, rather than on the town hall or solar projects. We can look at other funding sources for these other projects. Work is likely to begin in May 2010 or later.

EECBG grant requires 10% match and offers a maximum grant of \$50000. The group discussed how to estimate the total cost of the project, considering those parameters. The garage project, as currently proposed with Brad's revision, is estimated to cost somewhere between \$55,000 and \$60,000. Russ and Laurie felt the Town could probably get approval for \$5000 in funds and the balance of Town share in donated labor and materials. There is always the possibility that the funds will be voted down at Town Meeting.

Brad reviewed his work on reducing the garage project to stay within available funding. He has also been talking with Philip Mulligan, who has begun an energy audit. They've discussed options for the garage roof and the rest of the project. Brad will check further into waste oil furnaces. Laurie will get figures for garage energy use and vendors for 8/08-8/09 from Susan Fortunati for Mulligan. Ginny is concerned about heating 2<sup>nd</sup> bay, which is not currently heated, as it will consume more energy to heat more space. Comparison of energy use will be with that bay heated both with and without energy efficiency retrofit. Brad will continue to work with Mulligan on the best plan for the garage

Ginny will contact Efficiency VT for any help they can give in comparing Town Hall and garage project energy savings.

Ginny will check the historical status of the garage.

Anne suggested talking to Treasurer Susan Fortunati about the extensive reporting that will be required. Laurie suggested including reporting and record-keeping time in the project budget. Laurie will talk with Susan about how to handle this extra work.

The committee reviewed the EECBG Initial Application, completing sections as possible. Remaining application sections will be studied as follows:

Ginny and Dan to work on Project Participants

Brad to work on Workplan/Project Description

Russ to work on Required Approvals

Laurie to work on Permitting

Anne to work on Preliminary Planning

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Next meeting is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm.