

July 20, 2009 Corinth Energy Committee

Present: Ginny Barlow, Chair; Hal Drury, Dan Wing, Tim O'Dell, Laurie Sheridan, and Anne Margolis

Meeting began at 7:10 pm. Brad Caswell has received information from the solar contractors he contacted. Since he was unable to be at this meeting, he will email everyone information on the responses he received.

Committee reviewed and approved minutes of June 15, 2009 meeting. Laurie will send minutes to the Town Clerk.

Discussed notice received from Bill Powell for possible publication in town newsletter. Anne offered instead to put together some tips from State list and send to Nancy by the July 27th deadline for the newsletter.

Ginny reviewed responses from general contractors she contacted. – She received no response from George Osgood. Ron Danforth called and promised to send an estimate in the coming week. Lajeunesse never received their letter, but expressed interest in a phone call with Ginny. Ginny also talked with Mike Goetinck of Snow Dog in Norwich. They could help with the planning stage we're at now. Ginny will call them again about doing an energy audit of the Town Garage and fire station, as well as taking a look at the Town Hall, and then giving us an estimate of all projects. If Snow Dog won't do an audit, she will try Jim Masse of Energy VT.

SERG has decided they do not want to work on the energy audit of the Town Garage, but the committee would like to stay with the same methodology for further energy audits, if possible.

The group discussed the difficulties of asking contractors to give a detailed estimate with no assurance of getting the work. It was agreed to discontinue using the term "bid" in discussions with contractors. What we're really looking for is an overview of how a contractor would approach the work needed and an estimate of cost.

Anne Margolis advised that the State's request for proposals is not yet designed, but most likely preference will be for large projects addressing energy efficiency, rather than renewable energy technologies. Large combined projects will probably be favored over many small ones. The State will be looking for projects that will have a good return on the investment. This led to discussion of including the Waits River Valley School in overall project. Anne will attend a School Board Building Committee meeting to look into this idea with them. Laurie will email Dick Kelley to inquire if an energy audit has been done of the school.

Tim answered questions about foam insulation applications. He suggested that insulating the ceiling of the first floor in the Town Hall would be an important way to improve energy use. Tim will put together an energy audit of the Town Garage and also take a look at the Town Hall .

Dan suggested adding the Fire Station(s) to the buildings being improved, under a title such as "Town of Corinth Comprehensive Services Energy Efficiency Proposal". Hal will talk with Dean Gregopoulos to see if the Fire Dept. is interested in being included in this effort.

Anne offered to check with Central VT Community Action to see if they do any work for municipalities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.