

August 24, 2009 Corinth Energy Committee

Present: Ginny Barlow, Chair; Hal Drury, Brad Caswell, Tim O'Dell, Peter Keene, Laurie Sheridan;
Guests: Michael Goetinck, Snowdog Construction and Anne Margolis

Meeting began at 7:10 pm. Committee reviewed and approved minutes of July 20, 2009 meeting. Laurie will send minutes to the Town Clerk.

Dates set for next two meetings: September 21 and October 19, both at 7 pm.

Discussion centered almost entirely around the Town Garage. Tim reviewed a plan he developed, using Brad's 12 recommendations to greatly improve energy efficiency, air quality and working conditions. He estimated a cost of \$154,000 to decrease energy consumption from 194 million BTU to 93 million BTU. This led to a discussion of financial considerations, cost effectiveness, and different ways to calculate the value of improvements.

Michael Goetinck, of Snowdog Construction, began his remarks by asking what the Town is looking for. The group considered multiple factors that affect the answer such as energy efficiency gained, associated improvements required (particularly in ventilation), cost return and affordability, grant parameters and goals, and how large a project to design. Michael was asked to conduct an energy audit of the garage, once funds are approved for his work. Ginny will coordinate with him when funding is obtained.

At this point, the cost of further investigation must be considered. Laurie will request funding from the Selectboard for an energy audit of the Town Garage (\$400-\$600) and recommendations for the Town Hall (possibly another \$800). Michael pointed out that a thorough proposal and cost estimate for both the Town Hall and Town Garage would cost more like \$5000. It is clear that once the Federal/State grant funding is available for applications, having a plan ready to go will be in our favor. Meanwhile, the costs of preparing a plan have not been included in the Town budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.