

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

7:15 PM – 9:00 PM

Town Hall

Present: Suzy Hodgson (Chair), Ann Bijur, Catherine Hughes, Hans Ohanian, and David Pill.

Hans Ohanian was appointed as secretary for the meeting.

1. Minutes of October 13 meeting were approved, with amendments.
2. Approval of minutes of September 8 meeting was deferred to next meeting.
3. The Committee requested Suzy Hodgson to contact Jenny Cole to upload minutes and other approved information to our website.
4. David Pill reported on progress with Town-Hall weatherization project (report attached).
5. Considering that the addition of 6” of cellulose insulation (with baffles) above the flat ceilings and cathedral ceilings of Town Hall would reduce heat loss through the ceiling by ca. 50%, the Committee recommended that the Selectboard make some of its own funds available for this extra, cost-effective modification. To implement the addition of this insulation, a permanent ladder catwalk of modest cost will have to be inserted above the cathedral ceiling.
6. The Committee expressed its appreciation to David Pill for the generous amount of time and effort he has devoted to the supervision of the Town-Hall weatherization project.
7. The Committee requested Hans Ohanian to contact Peter Adamczyk re resolution of legal problems of PACE in Vermont and re access to his Powerpoint presentations and other information on PACE.

8. The Committee initiated discussion of how to conduct research regarding the operation PACE requested by Selectboard. There was some disagreement on whether such research should be limited to financial aspects of the operation or also include research into cost-effectiveness and carbon footprint. Suzy Hodgson was requested to seek clarification from the Selectboard. On the recommendation of Catherine Hughes, the Committee agreed that, for educational and informational purposes, it would be useful to make available to residents of Charlotte a collection of case studies based on actual renewable systems and energy efficiency projects already in existence in Charlotte.

9. There was no other business, and the Committee adjourned.

