

Minutes
Lyme Energy Committee
January 19, 2015

Present: Mark Bolinger, Scott Nichols, Robin Taylor, Mike Novello, Dan O'Hara
Absent: Sue MacKenzie, Matt Brown, Johanna Jasperson, Gary Phetteplace

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:33

1. A motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting as circulated was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

ACTION: Dan to send in to town.

2. Mark thanked the committee members for responding to his message about their experiences with alternate electrical energy suppliers and reported that this information has been forwarded to the school. No further action is required on this.

3. Michael Whitman has approached Mark to ask if the Energy Committee plans to sponsor another "Lyme Business Expo" similar to the one we did a couple of years ago which he felt was worthwhile. The committee 's response to this is lukewarm – although there are energy implications to the idea of "buying local" the major function of such an event is to promote local businesses and is more of a Chamber of Commerce function than an Energy Committee function.

ACTION: Mark will discuss this further with Michael and Aaron Rich.

4. RGS has presented to the Committee a book "Solar Energy Sourcebook" and a \$100 gift certificate to the Lyme Inn. Mark suggested that the book be donated to the Library and that our next monthly meeting (which falls in school vacation week) be rescheduled to a day that the inn is open and held there. We could then use the certificate.

ACTION: Mark to do a "doodle poll" to see if we can come up with a date for this event.

5. The "Pelletize Lyme" event has not gained traction and is dead for the time being. No action is required at this time.

6. Scott reports that his associate Charlie Niebling has done the necessary work to enable another school district to get Thermal RECs to sell on the market, and is willing to furnish a template for the necessary paperwork to qualify the Lyme School to do this. In order to do this some energy metering equipment would be required at the school, but most of the instrumentation is already there. In addition to the instrumentation there would be the need for a qualified person to make a quarterly inspection for verification. It is possible that our own Gary Phetteplace could qualify for this role.

ACTION: Scott will discuss this with Gary.

7. Matt Brown asked that the committee consider the topic of ventilation for the Highway and Fire Station. There was some discussion of just what was needed for those locations and, in the case of the Fire Station whether the fans were ever used.

ACTION: Scott will discuss this with Chief Hinsley and Matt

8. A brief discussion of possible projects for 2015 was held. One possibility is to do something about the obtaining RECs for groups of solar installations. The possibility of additional solar panels on the school and on the town hall or on the triangle between High st and Rt.10 were mentioned and should be discussed further next time.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 8:35. Next meeting to be rescheduled based on the results of Mark's Doodle.

Respectfully Submitted

Dan O'Hara