

## Final Minutes

Lyme Energy Committee meeting July 18, 2016

Present: Sue MacKenzie, Matt Brown, Robin Taylor, Scott Nichols, Dan O'Hara

Sue called the meeting to order at 7:35

1. The draft minutes for the March 21, 2016 meeting were approved as circulated. Action: Dan to send in to town.
2. Solar Panels for the Town Office Building. Robin briefly described the proposal that an investor would own the panels and reap any economic gains for the first 5 years (which is when the majority of the financial benefits that the investor can get are exhausted) at the end of which the town would acquire them at a reduced price. The town could then use the power produced for the remaining life of the system. For this to happen we need to get a warrant ready to be voted on at town meeting next spring, so that has to be ready by January.
3. Matt has not been able to make any progress on his assignment to come up with suggested changes to the zoning regulations to encourage energy conservation. This should be discussed at our next meeting.
4. The Fire Station will need to be replaced in the next few years. We had some discussion about the energy considerations for a new building, and whether it is the responsibility of this committee to be involved, and if so in what capacity. Different possibilities were discussed including building orientation for passive solar through south facing overhead doors.
5. Scott reported that the school is now close to having everything in place to start selling thermal RECs. The price is set by an auction process (it is pretty high because there aren't all that many places with the capability of metering them), and they have to be purchased so this will significantly reduce the heating costs for the school.
6. The future role of this committee was discussed and several things that have been accomplished have been very positive for the town were mentioned. This should be continued at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14. Next meeting Sept 19, 2016 at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted

Dan O'Hara