

Jim Nourse called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Committee and public access at UberConference [888-919-7047 or 603-506-6463].

1. Jim announced that this telephonic meeting complies with the Governor's Order #12.
2. Roll call taken of members present: Mark Bolinger, Matt Brown, Scott Nichols, Jim Nourse, Dan O'Hara, Kevin Sahr, Mike Novello, Ben Cameron

Members of the public joining: none announced

3. Approve minutes of June 15, 2020 meeting. Dan moved; Matt seconds. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.
4. Update on Fire Station. Jim asked if anyone had any updates to share regarding the new fire station—no one did. Dan asked for a summary of the heating situation at the new fire station. Scott reported that Lyme Green Heat will be installing a pellet boiler.
5. Town Highway Garage Heating System Update. Matt has delivered (to Select Board member Ben Kilham and Road Agent Steve Williams) his report on estimated historical fuel cost savings of the existing pellet system relative to propane. Matt reported on his conversations with Ben and Steve and others. Ben is still accepting and digesting info, and raised the issue of maintenance; Matt responded that the newer pellet systems require less maintenance. A few other things are at play, including: what the new boiler room will look like; pellet delivery and storage systems (e.g., retrofitting and re-using existing metal silo vs. installing new OkoFEN hopper system); tweaks to the existing system, including a new circulator pump. Scott notes that the Town has not specified exactly what it wants, which makes it hard for both Scott and Morty Bailey to provide bids that are apples to apples. After some discussion, the Committee decided that the best course of action would be for Scott and Morty to meet and hash out what the highway garage system should look like, so that they can both then present proposals to the Town that are based on the same fundamental specs. This will help to simplify, rather than complicate, the decision for Steve and Ben. Scott will let Matt know the results of that conversation with Morty, and Matt will incorporate it into his final report to be distributed to the Select Board and the Committee.
6. RF 100 discussion. Jim kicked off what will be a long conversation about how to move forward on the Town's 100% renewable energy goals. The first "to do" is to assess the capacity of the Committee to lead the charge. To that end, Jim created a list of potential tasks that will need to be executed in order to move the ball forward. After some discussion, the Committee decided that Jim should convert that list into a Google doc or Google sheet where Committee members can indicate their willingness to work on various tasks and add new tasks as appropriate. Jim will let the Committee know when

that shared doc is ready and where to find it, and all Committee members should log their preferences prior to our August meeting (when we will discuss the list and staffing).

7. Adjournment. Scott moves; Dan seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Bolinger, Secretary