

DORSET ENERGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting 1/9/13

Present: Jim Salsgiver, Ellen Maloney, Tyler Yandow, ZA, and Rob Gaiotti, TM

VERMONT HOME ENERGY CHALLENGE: Jim Hand, Energy Coordinator, was unable to attend, but solicited the responses of committee members about whether we, as a committee should sign up and participate. (The Home Energy Challenge is a home weatherization competition between towns sponsored by Efficiency Vermont). Consensus was that if Jim wishes to lead, committee members will be supportive where possible. The main concern was that the Energy Committee has enough on its plate already.

SELECT BOARD BUSINESS: The SB meets on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 7pm. The Dorset Energy Committee would like to present proposed changes to the Building Permit application which will include an adjustment to the fee structure to cover RBES Compliance and a clarification of the meaning of the Certificate of Occupancy.

PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS; The Planning Commission is working on setting up a kind of Town Forum to do a growth study. This would be in the spring. The energy committee would like, with Jim Sullivan's help, to present his Model Municipal Energy Plan to the Planning Commission. The Plan Jim is preparing is nearly complete. Ellen will contact him about having it ready for the next Planning Commission meeting. The Plan is based on Dorset data gathered by the Energy Committee. It seems that the two efforts will dovetail neatly. It appears that Kay Manley will be the appointee to the PC to replace Connie Ferguson.

STREET LIGHTING: The change to LED's and fixtures sponsored and funded by Efficiency Vermont is finally complete (except for one remaining fixture.) This change is saving the town significant amounts of money.

PARK AND RIDE; John O'Keefe has given Manchester's okay. Mark Anders of BCRC will contact VTRANS at the state level to pass along our request for improvements to the site. (The site is on State land located near the intersection of Routes 11&30 and 7.) The improvements requested are to signage, and for landscaping, lighting, paving (permeable) and a shelter. These are necessary in order to make the site user friendly. We await the response of the State.

NEXT MEETING: Tentatively set for Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Town office at noon.

Respectfully, Ellen Maloney