

**MINUTES OF THE
CENTER HARBOR ENERGY COMMITTEE**

July 10, 2008

The meeting convened at 7 PM. Attending were:

- Of the standing committee: Chris Williams, acting chairman and JoAnn Wood, Secretary
- Representing the SB: Randy Mattson
- Guests: Bill Bayard of Meredith and Center Harbor Fire Chief, John Schlemmer.

I. The Minutes were read and approved.

II. CH Fire Chief, John Schlemmer, asked to speak to the committee on energy-related problems and opportunities he has identified related in the fire house. He has already shut down both boilers for the summer, which should save about 500-600 gallons (April through October). But other measures require budget approval. For example:

- Overall, the current lighting system is wasteful
 - Most of the lights are the old, inefficient fluorescents and should be replaced
 - Three bands of lights are on 24\7 and should be on a timer or motion sensor
- Many parts of the building are inadequately insulated
 - Enclosures at the ends of the building (used as storage areas) are uninsulated and waste a great deal of heat
 - Ice banks form over the glass doors, front and back. While the front doors must remain, he suggested replacing the back door with an insulated solid door

Everyone agreed that fixing these relatively simple problems would benefit everyone. The ensuing discussion, which continued during and after the committee viewed some of the problems on-site, focused on solutions and how to pay for them.

- Correcting these problems will have to wait for the '09 budget. However
- NH Coop might provide some assistance – at the very least, a walk-through audit and suggestions as to the best ways of tackling the lighting and insulation issues
- Some grant money might be available.

Some members raised the question the roof. The Town had already budgeted funds (and contracted out the work) to repair the front half of the roof. Unfortunately, the issue of

insulation was never raised so we don't know if that was understood to be part of the job. Equally unfortunate, the back half of the roof began leaking too late to be included in the budget. It could be rather simple damage that occurred while the roof was being shoveled this past winter, but in any case, there are still insulation issues. Randy was to find out exactly what the current roof replacement contract covered. If the contract doesn't include high-grade insulation, should the Town should hold off until a proper job can be re-budgeted even though the Fire Department will have suffer in the meantime?

III. Evaluating CHEC's progress-to-date. As committee members were scarce on the ground, the discussion of the June 3rd 'grand alliance' meeting, and, in that context, an assessment of where CHEC stands today in terms of it's own goals and as measured against other towns, was necessarily general and brief. However, several points seemed clear.

- While some issues are purely local – e.g., building audits, street lighting – others would benefit from economies of scale.
- That is, The larger community of Lakes Region EC's is well placed to work together on common opportunities – for And perhaps even our star program – the website – should be re-thought to encompass an expanded audience.

Given this new perspective, Chris and others wish to take up Dari's list again – and in particular, to sort out local vs. regional – as well as short- vs. long-term - programs. JoAnn volunteered to pull the list into a more user-friendly format in time for next month's meeting.

The committee also introduced Randy and Bill to the website and to the PSA program, to resounding applause. All agreed we should move forward with these.

And with no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 14.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Wood
Secretary