Minutes Craftsbury Energy Committee Meeting Thurs., 9/17/26, 7 pm

Present: CT, NH, KG, CA, JM; Bill Chidsey guest

1. NH will do minutes for this meeting

2. Minutes from Aug 20 approved: JM moved, CA second, unanimous approval vote.

3. Bill Chidsey update on Town Hall and Garage.

The actual figures for spending on the Town Hall HVAC contract show substantial savings from the budget as shown by the spreadsheet Bill presented. The spreadsheet shows the specific savings and will provide the details needed for requesting the Efficiency VT rebates of $8000. A thank you from the CEC to Bill for his attention to cost details and creative fulfillment of project needs.

Bill also presented his proposal for work at the Town Garage. The Committee likes this proposal and the budget proposed and recommends moving on getting started as soon as Bill can. Hope is to get heat available by end of Oct.

Finally, the notebook with all the information on the Town Hall project is nearing completion and is comprehensive so we have that valuable resource available.

3. MERP Update - Craig / Jamie

Town Hall:

a. Replacing clapboards that were drilled for blown in insulation needs doing. Materials are here. Need to organize scaffolding and lift use for upper parts of walls. Also need to get the scaffolding from roof replacement out of the way to complete west side replacements. Some work will get done this week and weekend.

b. Battery structure needs to be taped and mudded by Monday as Jeff Holmes wants to start with batteries On Monday. There needs to be a fire suppression system installed due to size of battery storage. This will lead to some additional cost in wiring, etc., also coverable from other areas of our funding.
c. Have not yet received the final roofing bill so not sure what end cost will be. In any case we can use any unexpended parts from garage budget estimated to occur toward the roof or other upgrades to Town Hall insulation/sealing if needed. Projects hoped for include airsealing the ceiling and shades for the big windows. Our grant supervisor says shades can also be part of the project scope so we can put that in if we get pricing and contracts by Sept 30. Committee approves these proposed additions.
Garage
a. Most of the siding is completed.
b. Battery enclosure at Garage is done and fine with Jeff Holmes. Jeff would also like to tidy up the south end wiring appearance (e.g. bury conduit from power pole to garage) given the general upgrading accomplished. He will need a change order to do this work.
c. Antennae at Garage re-set so siding could be done

OVERALL: the projects are taking lots of time to keep moving and complete, therefore exceeding commitment in original project manager allocation. The committee asked for JM is step out for discussion on a possible change. After discussion, NH moved to raise allocation for project management to $12000 from the current $8000 . CA seconded; motion passed. JM recused.

4. Firewood Project - Kevin

a. Chain link fence sections need to get moved down to the Garage site between two small sheds for storage.
b. Splitters need to be moved into storage for winter. KG will check on local available secure covered storage.

5. Window Insert Program - Kevin

Craftsbury combined program has about 250 inserts signed up with a few more to measure. Deadline is Sept 30 for all measuring.

7. Other Business. None. Move to adjourn by JM, SB second; unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned @8:50 pm

Next Meeting, 10/22/26