

Energy and Water Conservation Committee Minutes  
February 18, 2009 – 5:00 pm

Attending: Chairman Lutz Wallem, (later) Vice-Chairman Paul Kasianchuk, Debbie O'Connor, Roz Lowen, Dave Beaudin, Bob Foisey, WT Bishop, Nate Haynes, Ken Osgood and Joanne Osgood

Chairman Wallem called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

- The committee discussed whether to put a table with informational materials at the school during Election Day. Firstly, permission has to be obtained from whoever is responsible, and secondly, the committee did not reach consensus that the table should be staffed by someone from our committee. Therefore the first issue has to be resolved initially and then a table could be placed there without staffing it.
- The Committee again confirmed that it sees itself as an educational entity and it will pursue information gathering and education as its main purpose of existence.
- The water consumption at the Kanc. Rec. Area was determined not to be the Committee's task after it had pointed out to the Selectmen and the Town Manager that the usage of treated water had grown exponentially over the past few years.
- A draft regulator for furnaces in commercial buildings was discussed and it might save up to 30% of heating energy. Tom Smith and Lutz Wallem will investigate the claims of the supplier further and report back to the Committee.
- The thermal imaging camera of the Fire Department can serve as an instrument with which residents of Lincoln could do so-called "energy audits" of their homes and find out where heat is leaking. Fire Chief Nate Haynes did not want to set a fee for its usage but hopes the home owner who takes advantage of such analysis might give a donation to the Department since its members will have to do the "audit".
- The issue of NH Electric Co-Op not having given the results of an energy audit done last year for the Mount Liberty Motel is still open. The Committee believes it should request that the company send a representative to one of its meetings to explain why, and that immediate action be taken.
- The question of how to best inform residents of Lincoln about modern energy and water savings methods was discussed again. Would it be possible to send home informational hand-outs with the help of school children?
- Ken Osgood, a former mason, now lives in Woodstock, NH, and has helped build large parts of our School. He is a current member of the School Board and informed the Energy and Water Committee Members how the school walls were originally built and how they could be better insulated now.
- The Committee was again informed of how the Community Action Program (CAP) works, helping residents get financial help to pay their heating bills, what the guidelines and requirements are, etc.

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- A new House Bill, # 189, has been passed in Concord on Jan. 21, 2009, setting guidelines for Boards of Selectmen on how to appoint Energy Commission Members in their Towns. More information has to be obtained.
- Ms. Roz Lowen was asked by the Committee to organize presentations by Bob Tortorice from Franconia and the AMC on energy savings ideas.
- Other educational presentations the Committee might set up in the future are with someone from the Robinson Burner Service about the benefits of regular furnace cleaning and one by a chimney sweep.
- The last subject discussed was: How can residents prepare for a potential power outage in the winter by taking certain precautions with water in their residential systems and heating pipes?

The next meeting will be March 18, 2009, and this meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.