

Minutes of the Energy and Water Conservation Committee 4/15/2009

Present for this meeting were: W.T. Bishop
 Tom Smith
 Jim Spanos
 Roz Lowen
 Lutz Wallem

1. The committee approved the minutes of the last meeting held March 18, 2009 unanimously.
2. Bob Tortorice will come on May 20th instead of April 15th, today, due to scheduling conflicts.
3. The Board of Selectmen's decision to buy electricity 20% cheaper from Glacial Energy for the use of the Town's Water Dept. has not been made yet because another brokerage firm, this time from Connecticut, has offered an annual contract through one of its suppliers, but not for all 25 locations where the Town has usage meters. The project is still under consideration. Glacial Energy offers month-to-month contracts which allow the customer to try out the new electricity supplier etc.
The savings for the Water Dept. alone could be as much as \$ 14,000/yr.
4. The members talked briefly about a wind farm which is to be built in Lancaster, NH.
5. Roz Lowen spoke about a Carbon Coalition Meeting coming up in the Lakes Region but our present members have no interest in its plans and ideas at this time.
6. The Committee still wants to help Tom Smith of the Mount Liberty Motel here in Lincoln, NH, to get a cost estimate from, or through, NH Electric Coop for energy saving improvements to be suggested by a contractor it had hired to provide in 2008. An "audit" was done but no proposal came forward.

7. A suggestion was made by Lutz Wallem to discuss at a future meeting whether we should initiate a small contest in regards to Energy and Water Savings ideas by citizens for Town buildings or private homes. So many of us have ideas or good experiences with energy conservation improvements they have made or saw being made, and these unfortunately do not get any publicity so others could use them.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.