

**Shutesbury Energy Committee Meeting
January 3, 2011**

Minutes

Attending: Mark Tuominen, Larry Hunter, Clark Sylvester, Steve Rice, Craig Marden, and Becky Torres

The minutes from the meeting on 12/6/2010 were read and approved with one typo corrected.

Old Business:

LEED Certification – There was a lot of discussion on the benefits and disadvantages for LEED certification of the new library building. Benefits: additional funding available, good “green” elements, energy savings. Disadvantages: Cost of consulting and certification, some requirements are not necessary or beneficial. The committee thought that a building that was LEED certifiable (not certified) was the best way to go. The focus on the building money should be on to produce a high performance, energy efficient building shell. This should be the highest priority above renewable or sustainable energy sources. Instead of building a “net zero” building, the committee recommended that we build a “near net zero” building. Craig mentioned that a good concept for “near net zero” buildings is a passive house. See this link for more info: <http://www.passivehouse.us/passiveHouse/PHIUSHome.html>

Conservation Measures – The fire station will do without a freezer for the short term until the time comes when one is needed. An energy star freezer is recommended and Steve provided a list of energy start models to the Town Administrator.

The water heater at the fire station is on hold until issues around the fuel spill at the station are resolved.

Improved Insulation in the building – Adding the insulation and completing the sealing hit some snags due to the presence of old pipes, etc. Craig indicated that he would take a look at the situation and make some recommendations.

Solar PV's – Becky informed the committee that the installation of the “certified meter” was completed and the paperwork submitted to obtain the SRECs.

New Business:

No other new business was discussed. Somebody mentioned that we should discuss Mass Insight Energy Efficiency System?

Next meeting is Monday, February 7 at 7 PM.