

Energy Committee Minutes

March 12, 2012

Present: Steve Rice, Larry Hunter, Clark Sylvester, and Becky Torres.

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes from the last meeting on 2/06/12 were reviewed and approved.
2. Green Communities Act. Becky has been working on the RFPs for the school energy saving projects. The RFP for the insulation of the I-beams is complete and out to bid. The RFP for the fan controls is going out tomorrow. The building committee is working on the heating system in town hall. They plan to replace the current old oil heating unit with an energy efficient propane heater. Should be able to go out to bid in 1-2 weeks. The building committee also hired a specialist to evaluate the heating system at the Fire Department and should decide in the near future about what to do there. There is also a request to put in a direct vent propane heater in the office of the maintenance building. Becky started on the solar RFP. The committee recommending changing the specification to eliminate the ground mounts in favor of pole mounts and to add an option for a 9.9 KW pole mount system.
3. Franklin County Transit Authority. No action taken
4. Free Tire Inflation Station at the Maintenance Building. On hold until Fire Station environmental issue is resolved.
5. SREC funds and Revolving account for Energy Committee. Not discussed.
6. Mass Energy Insight Data.
 - a. New data was added; oil, gas, propane. Shows overall a 16% decline in energy use prior to last year.
 - b. There was some discussion around the energy use at the schools. New computers were purchased and they should have 50% less energy use than the old one. There was some discussion around the AC unit in the server room and some thought that it may be installed incorrectly. Are the smart boards turned off at night? Craig was not contacted about doing some more IR camera work at the school.
 - c. Town Hall. Becky thought that the hot water heater did not have a blanket installed and also noted that hot water does not get to the bathrooms. Committee will review next time.
7. Next meeting is April 2, 2012, 7 PM at the town hall. Agenda items will be Green Communities Act projects, Town Hall water heater, and SES energy use.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Rice