

Monkton Energy Committee Minutes
Town Hall
January 16, 2019
Final Minutes

Members Present Nate Palmer, Jane Palmer, Lee Kaupilla

Others Present None

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Announcements none

Topics for meeting

Wood bank 5 town plan

Next steps now that enhanced energy plan is finished

Wood bank

Lee had meetings with other towns in 5 town area (Monkton, Starksboro, Bristol, Lincoln and New Haven) Lincoln has a guy (Warren King?) who we heard may have stepped down already. Americorp volunteers have gone and the new one isn't here yet. So the work to organize the 5 town wood bank has been lost. HOPE should in the future contact Lee or John McNerney instead of Americorp volunteers for info. Lee was unable to hook up with anyone from New Haven. Bristol has some funding available and Lee was trying to make those funds available to the wood bank since Monkton has made deliveries to the Bristol area. Bristol has no more wood but the money is either being held by the fire dept or a church (not sure which) but Bill Elswell is the minister Lee is trying to get ahold of.

There's a guy in Starksboro (Rodney?) that Lee will try to contact to see if Starksboro would like to join. Lee said this time of year is a lull in need as the energy assistance money has been distributed but he expects it to pick up again in Feb and March

Willowell is changing hands but new owners have said we will be able to keep the wood bank there for now.

Nate offered corrugated roof tin to cover the wood pile or as a roof for a wood shed if we build one.

There is approximately \$800 in the wood banks account after making 2 deliveries of wood pellets.

Next steps after enhanced energy plan

We've done the energy plan and surveys and its time to move toward renewable energy. Pipeline tax revenue in town is approx \$346,000 but up to 40% to the state so that would leave around \$200,000. Should we ask the SB to set aside the money for energy efficiency and weatherization. Could we bring in OEO or Efficiency VT to help with that? Town buildings could use some \$ to insulate. Steve told Nate we have to have an

article before the SB by the 21st SB meeting All present were in favor of asking the SB to use the pipeline tax money for weatherization and energy efficiency.

Also Nate wondered if it made sense to put an EV charger at the school or town hall to move Monkton toward using more electric vehicles and would accommodate people coming to town with EV.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm