

Meredith Energy Committee

Sept 22, 2011

Approved

Members Present

Ken Colburn Bill Bayard Reed Leberman Mark Billings
Phil McCormack Deb Crosby

Members Absent w/notice

Nate Torr

Staff Present

Angela LaBrecque

Staff Absent w/notice

John Edgar

Consultant

Clay Mitchell –SDES

Guest

Phil Warren – Meredith Town Manager

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes from August 11, 2011

- Motion to approve by Mark, seconded by Bill. Reed abstained. Voted unanimously.

The remainder of the meeting was spend discussing the information provided by the five institutional energy audits performed on the Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, DPW Building, Water Department Building and the Library. Additionally, we discussed the information provided by Peregrin on the Town's newer buildings, The Community Center, the Police Station and the reconstructed Fire Station. Phil Warren had received and reviewed the information prior to the meeting.

Talking Points

- Ken: What can we as a committee do to help the town make the right decisions?
- Phil: Understand the budget environment and the process. There is no room in the budget this year for major capital expenditures, BUT. There are a number of things that can and are being done to reduce energy consumption in the municipal buildings with the costs coming out of the department operating budgets.
- Examples: New power management software for the Community Center. Motion detectors for appropriate locations. Changing to Variable Flow Pumps at the Water Department will have a significant impact on electric usage. Address the low-hanging fruit from an insulation and air infiltration standpoint where feasible in the older buildings.

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- Phil: For larger projects the proper process would be to prepare for next spring's Capital Investment Projects Committee meeting. There are a number of ways energy conservation projects could be bundled together and presented to the CIP Committee. They could be building based or they could be theme based. The proposals must be budget based, demonstrating the economic benefits.

Additional Business

Ken raised for discussion the question as to whether we should be thinking about another Energy Fair.

Next meetings; October 13th and November 10th.

Motion to adjourn

- Motion by Reed, seconded by Bill. Voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.