

Strafford Energy Committee – Minutes from Tuesday Sept 16, 7:30 pm, Town Clerks.
In attendance: Ken Alton, Gail Boyajian, Barbara Smith, Lee Vormelker, Dori Wolfe, and Janet Cavanagh.

- 1) Minutes from 08/19 meeting were approved. Draft minutes are supposed to be posted on the town website in 5 days of the mtg in order to be in compliance with new state rule.
- 2) Dori attended a Select board mtg in order to keep them updated with regard to the energy efficiency work scheduled for the town clerk's office. They agreed to finance \$250.00 that was needed with \$10,000.00 coming from Efficiency VT. Steve Marx will be the SEC's liaison with the Select board. Brent thought that the insulating of the vault was a good plan.
Dori will find out the completion date deadline for the project as there may be delays. We discussed a windows workshop and the possibility of crowd funding the \$1000.00 necessary to install the plexiglass and magnetic tape to the town clerk's office windows.
- 3) The \$1000.00 grant received for the Edible pocket park in South Strafford from the New England Grass Roots energy fund has been deposited in the town account. An anonymous donor has offered to install a split rail fence and Barbara is asking for donations from local nurseries for trees. She is planning on planting Oct 1st with Kate Reimanis and some of the children from Newton School. Gail and Janet will meet with Barbara to layout the fruit trees and berries asap. We also discussed the idea of improved access to the river. We thought that the recreation committee and town should discuss this possibility.
- 4) Dori Wolfe has received the certificate of public good from the state and she is now trying to raise the remaining funds for the 108 kilowatt School/Town municipal array on Rod Maclay's property. She also offered to other nonprofit entities in town such as the United Church of Strafford, Barrett Hall and the Library being able to benefit from the solar array. There was more discussion on financing community solar arrays with Lee mentioning a federal 1603 grant which allows anyone without a tax credit to invest in a solar array in advance of a tax credit, which was determined to no longer be available.
- 5) Mason Hall efficiency project: We discussed the possibility of getting a Historic Preservation grant for the Mason hall, as well as a New England Grass roots grant. Lee Vormelker will read through the audit as he has done work on the building before.
- 6) Energy Corner – The energy corner for Oct will be more news on the edible pocket park with a shopping list of needs such as pea stone, compost, and hay bales.
- 7) Next SEC mtg will be Oct 21, 2014 @ 7.30pm

Respectfully submitted, Janet Cavanagh, Recording secretary