

**MADISON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON
January 21, 2016
MINUTES**

Note: These minutes from the January 21, 2016 Madison Energy Advisory Committee meeting were approved at the February 25, 2016 Committee meeting.

Members Present: Selectman Bob King, Noreen Downs (Co-Chairman & Planning Board), Russ Dowd (Co-Chairman), Bill Lord (Recorder & Budget Committee), Russ Lanoie (Voter), and Nicole Nordlund (Voter). Absent: Ken Eckhart (School Board), Bruce Kennedy (Library). The meeting was held at the Town Hall.

Others Present: Madison TV Videographer Carol Dandeneau.

Meeting Posted: At Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices and Town Hall upper and lower bulletin boards.

Meeting Called to Order: By Co-Chairmen Noreen Downs & Russ Dowd at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the Dec 17, 2015 meeting were approved; with a motion for approval by Dowd, seconded by Lanoie and voted 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS ACTION ITEMS:

Proposed Warrant Article – Russ L proposed wording for a warrant article which would support property assessment adjustments for energy efficient homes (wood burning, solar, wind, and geo-thermal), which is all backed by RSAs 72-62 through -70. Noreen provided that to Linda Farinella, Town Administrator, for Selectman approval, DRA review, and legal evaluation. Many towns in NH have passed similar legislation and a list was provided to the BoS. Selectman will look at how to implement in Madison.

NH Town garage energy improvements - Russ L used the DPW list serve to ask questions of town garages across NH on how they solved energy issues with their buildings. He received an answer from Washington, NH that identified waste oil burners, solar arrays, and wood pellet solutions.

Town Hall building envelope improvements – Noreen and Russ D met with Linda Farinella to discuss energy audit suggested improvements to the Town Hall. Cost estimates are needed for: LED lighting, Town lighting, programmable thermostats, building insulation, and water heater improvements.

NH Wood Energy Council feasibility study application - Russ D will act as the ‘champion’ for the NE Wood Energy Council feasibility study for wood burning heating plant recommendations. He

presented this concept to Linda Farinella for the BoS to document their approval in their next meeting to continue with the study.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Report for Town 2015 Annual Report – Bill provided a draft report to be included in the Annual Town Report of the Committee’s actions and recommendations. Members reviewed the draft and recommended no additional changes. A motion to approve this report was made by Dowd, seconded by Lanoie, and voted to approve 6-0.

Presentation for the Annual Town Meeting – Noreen will update the briefing to reflect any of the latest changes and ensure inclusion in the final slide deck.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS:

1. Russ D and Noreen will attend the next BoS to discuss warrant article wording and implementation.
2. Russ L will contact the North Conway Treatment Plant to see if we can visit their facility to see their working solar array.
3. Bill will provide the approved Committee Report to Linda Farinella, Town Administrator, for inclusion in the Annual Town Report for 2015.

ADJOURN: 8:15 p.m. Lord made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Lanoie, and so voted unanimously 6-0.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lord, Member
Recorder