

Sandisfield Green Committee Minutes October 10, 2019

In Attendance: George Riley, Anina Carr, Larry Dwyer

Location: Town Hall Annex, 1:00 PM

The meeting began at 1:00 PM with the reading of the minutes from September 16, 2019.

The following topics were reviewed:

- Insulation of the Town Hall Annex.
- Dumpster for the insulation disposal.
- Solar panel and heat pump installation in the META 7 Grant.
- Window survey.
- Climate change.
- Eversource energy rebates.

Previously the Town account, Margaret McClellan, was not willing to create a check for the deposit of the insulation project because she had once given a deposit to a contractor who reneged on the work. Assurances were made about the insulation contractor, Double R, and a check was forthcoming.

A 30-yard dumpster will be ordered by the town for the disposal of the attic and crawl space insulation. Will Pennington will also be called to cleanout debris from the crawl space and deposit material in the dumpster.

It was suggested that the best day to perform the insulation removal would be on a Friday. The contractor will be called to ask for a schedule and how many days will be needed to perform the work. Access will be needed to perform the insulation removal and replacement. The building alarm will need to be deactivated and secured when work completed for the day.

B2Q, Kevin Keena will not be able to do the solar and heat pump design. Additional engineers will be called. George Riley will need to revise the RFP. The META-7 grant that was to be used for the energy audit also covers the design of the solar array and heat pump system. A separate account number will be needed for the META-7 grant. A request for payment form needs to be completed with a 1- or 2-page summary. Also, the building is required to be in service for the next 5 years. The grant expires May 30, 2020.

A window replacement survey was presented for the town hall annex and library windows. Windows are the last priority after the completion of all other projects. The number of windows replaced will depend on the available funds. If all the windows were replaced in the town hall annex and library, the cost would be approximately \$20,000 for the town hall annex and \$15,300 for the library. If windows are replaced, the priority would be the single pane windows in the assessor's and town secretary's offices. The library windows are also single pane windows with storm windows. A request for a competitive grant might be needed for the windows.

The Town of Windsor is still requesting help for Massachusetts Senate bill S1974. In order to qualify for net metering, a public building's solar array can not be between 10 kW and 60 kW. Within that range, the building is classified as a private building and not a public building and the cap for private buildings has already been exhausted.

Climate change was discussed regarding requirements for renewables. Electrical companies are starting to be required to have renewables.

Eversource will be contacted about energy rebates.

Meeting adjourned 2:20 PM.

Minutes by Larry Dwyer