

Sandisfield Green Committee Minutes December 16, 2019

In Attendance: George Riley, Anina Carr, Larry Dwyer

Location: Town Hall Annex, 1:00 PM

The meeting began at 1:30 PM with the reading of the minutes from October 10, 2019.

The following topics were reviewed:

- Insulation problems at the Town Hall Annex.
- Insulation Insurance Claim for Cleaning.
- Solar panel, heat pump, Geothermal project RFP.
- Library Lighting update.
- Eversource energy rebates.

Larry Dwyer read a draft of the incident report about dust issues created from the insulation project. Town Hall employees were in attendance at the meeting to complain about the insulation project. The town hall was closed by the building and health inspector due to dust exposure. The town employees were required to work at the old town hall until work was completed and the town hall cleaned up. The main complaint from the town hall employees was that they had trouble completing their work and were receiving a lot of angry phone calls. They requested that they be notified if such a project was ever expected to be done again. The Green Committee said that they would comply with this request.

A professional environmental and testing company was called in to evaluate the insulation and clean the building. The dust was found to be mineral wool. Mineral wool is not a regulated substance, but it is an eye and respiratory irritant. The dust was cleaned up by the Company Abide at a cost of \$6,050. It was recommended that an insurance claim be made for the cleanup. Nina was given a copy of the bill and would act as the liaison to the town manager.

The piping insulation was still to be completed. Payment to the contractor would not be issued until all work was completed.

Wilber Electric will be contacted about replacing an Exit sign from the library LED lighting project. Larry contacted Doug Wilber and the fixture is on order.

George will complete the RFP for the Solar, Geothermal and Heat Pump project. 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.

George will contact Eversource will be contacted about energy rebates.

Meeting adjourned 2:30 PM.

Minutes by Larry Dwyer