

## **Colrain Energy Committee Meeting Notes, 2/21/18, Meeting #9**

**Present;** Elizabeth Erickson, Al Ladd, Therese Fittsimmons, Peter Brooks

**Agenda;** Jim Barry of DOER presented about the Green Communities program to Select Board

### 9-1 Select Board Meeting. Town Offices

Jim presented the same info summarized last month. Colrain would receive a grant of about \$130,000. if the town passes the 5 requirements. The major sticking point is adopting the Stretch Energy Code.

- Building Inspector Shawn Kimberly spoke against adopting the code because he believes it is hard to find HERS raters who will perform on time and that the code adds cost.
- Local resident Michael Shuipis spoke up that his new home had passed the required HERS inspection on time with no problems.
- Town Manager Kevin Fox, said that the town of Buckland had no problems that he knew of since they had adopted the stretch code a few years ago.
- The Select Board said that they would include a warrant article for the the Green Communities Act including Stretch Code in the Town Meeting. Jim Barry will provide samples of other town warrants.
- The Select Board asked the committee to organize an Energy Forum on April 28 to discuss these issues before the town meeting.

### 9-2 Committee meeting at Library; Planning for the April 28 Energy Forum. Late afternoon.

- Elizabeth coordinate use of school gym with Keven & Principal.
- Some snacks and drinks would be good. Donuts, cider and coffee from Pine Hill?
- Elizabeth wants to show a short environmental movie, maybe on a monitor.
- Peter will invite Bob Dean to speak on CCA.
- Jim Barry to present a briefer Green Communities proposal.
- Mass Save presenter, maybe from CET. Therese to call her contact.
- Peter suggested a talk by a HERS rater, Adin, Matt Turcotte or someone from CET, Peggy McCloud?

### 9-3 Publicity; short articles in local papers on each topic to be put in....

- Clarion, Recorder and Independent.
- maybe robo calls? Ask Kevin.
- Posters at Town Hall, churches, Pine Hill and the school.
- Will the school send home notices?

### 9-4 Check-in with Elizabeth on Email 3/12.

**Next meeting** Wednesday 3/21, -6 PM

**Adgenda;** Stretch Code, Green Communities, CCA, MassSave, Forum, Warrant articles, and unforeseen business.

