

Nelson Town Buildings Committee

September 16, 2019

Attendees

- Dave U
- Russ
- Lisa
- Andy
- Sandy
- Dave B
- Absent
 - Earl

Action Items

- Dave B
 - Contact Scott Maslansky at smaslansky@nhcdfa.org, re possible grants
 - Review Dana Nute's report
- Sandy
 - Continue looking into USDA grants
- Dave U
 - Ask Henry Herndon if he can connect us to possible Power Purchase Agreement companies

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

The minutes of September 9 are approved as sent by email on September 12, motion by Sandy, second by Andy. All in favor.

MINUTES

- September 12 program
 - Attendance was a bit better than the first session but still small
 - And some people who were not connected to the Buildings committee did attend, so that was a plus

- There was a school open house and the Democratic debates the same night
- Planning for November 8
 - Possible to advertise it as a Town-sponsored public information session? We think yes, since it will be about the specific projects.
 - Encourage people that this is the time to provide input, while we have time to make changes
 - One of the questions that may be asked is “whether the land can be used for this purpose” so we’ll need the legal language available
 - We note that Greg Blake is very busy these days, but he has promised to attend
 - We will focus on providing the financial details
 - Edie will research with DRA about doing a Power-purchase agreement
 - Will there need to be a 2/3 majority?
 - Sandy asks if Henry Herndon might be able to connect the town to PPA companies
 - Dave will ask when Henry gets his computer power supply
- Grant opportunities
 - Sandy has contacted the USDA, they are sending her from person to person
 - Their grants are very specific, Sandy will keep looking into it
 - Dana Nute also provided
 - PUC
 - CDFA
 - Dave B will contact Scott Maslansky, smaslansky@nhcdfa.org
 - DES
 - Dave U will talk to them when he goes to the electric vehicle fair
- RFP for Heat Pumps
 - Items still in flux
 - Buildings where there are challenges installing air handlers into existing duct work
 - Town Offices doesn’t have much space in the crawl space, but it could go in the back basement that is accessible from the back basement door.
 - Simpler
 - Any building where there is an air handler to be installed into existing duct work
 - Wall Mounted Units

- Dave U has made some changes to Dana Nute's original recommendations
- Dana intended to use the two existing wall mounted units in the Library.
 - Dave U wants to add one more
 - Make one from cardboard so we can do placement and make sure everyone likes it
- Same with the Library Lower Level
- Town would have to get rid of the existing heat pump
 - Want one that can do heat and cool at the same time
- Russ says that the back storage room in the Library Lower Level is also cold — but there isn't any ducting to get air in there. Need to rely on the furnace.
- An alternative is free-standing mini-splits if there isn't any wall space.
- Discussion of the Archives Room
 - Andy asks if it requires temperature control
 - yes
 - There is a dedicated dehumidifier
 - And a dedicated heater
 - These are added after the renovation 5 years ago because the designed system did not work as had been specified
- Highway Dept
 - Dana recommended a split for the Chemical room, But David U believes it would be better in the offices
- Location of heat pumps?
 - Don't think that Dana provided that information
 - Thinking about the highway department — want to make sure that it's placed somewhere so that trucks can't run into it
 - Thinking North side of the Town Offices, because land boundary is so close on the south side
- Dave U has sent the heat pump spread sheet to Dana for his review
 - No reply yet
- Dave B requests that the thermostats be wifi-enables
- Costs
 - Dana
 - \$141K in heatpumps and air handling
 - Have to wait for the bids to get final numbers

- Next steps
 - Get an OK from Dana
 - Let Dave B do a review of Dana's report
 - Generate the draft RFP
- Town Hall Floor
 - Wood is in the hall
 - Storage closet will be worked on tomorrow, to level the floor
 - Janitor Closet next week
 - Floor itself beginning October 1
 - May be complete by October 14 but are considering that a tentative date
 - The definitive target date for completion is October 21

Next Meeting

- Monday October 7
 - Review RFP for Heat Pumps
 - Review RFP for Solar
 - Start drafting a handout for November 7

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 PM, motion by Lisa second by Dave B, all in favor.