

Minutes of the Meeting of the Nelson Sustainability Group, 12/8/15

Present: Barbara Voymas, Barbara Fraser, Deke Concklin, Michael Iselin, Dave Upton.

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

The motion by Barbara Voymas, seconded by Barbara Fraser that the Minutes of the Meetings of 11/17 be accepted as presented was approved by unanimous consent.

Dave U. moved to thank David Voymas for his presentation Sustainability and Stewardship on December 3 and to thank those who provided the refreshments for that gathering. Both were well done and well received. The motion was seconded by Barbara Fraser and adopted by unanimous consent.

Dave U. presented the results of the request for proposal that the Select Board had sent to various contractors for the installation of a solar photovoltaic system for the roof of the library. The group discussed the various bids and agreed that the members preferred the bid from Green Energy Options and the use of solar panels made in the USA.

The group discussed ways in which to achieve both household and municipal energy conservation. The group agreed to use spaces other than the library basement meeting room during the cold months. Suitable spaces would be those that are already heated during the day and thereby not require the use of the energy to heat a cold basement.

The group agreed to develop a survey questionnaire that will allow interested people to calculate their household carbon footprint. This questionnaire could also be used for our municipal buildings to see if we can achieve energy savings there. Barbara Voymas will help us develop the content of the questionnaire.

The next meeting of the Nelson Sustainability Group is scheduled for January 21 at 7 pm in either the library proper or in the Town Office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Upton