

Energy Committee
Meeting Notes
January 17, 2014

Members in Attendance: Chairman Marty Bender, Selectman Bruce Johnson, Jere Buckley. Also attending Jim Van Valkenburgh, Froling Energy, VP of Sales.

This meeting was a work session to further discuss the specs for a new wood pellet furnace for the Town Hall. Marty has been pursuing PUC rebates being passed out to municipalities. In order to do so, bids need to be created, and contracts need to be signed. PUC rebate is 30% of the cost. The reasons for the doing the project now would include: future fuel cost savings, starting with the new wood pellet furnace while the present oil furnaces can still be used as back ups, and moving towards more green sources of energy.

Committee member decision to create a new wood pellet furnace room in a corner of the dining room. This is to be the front corner next to the bathrooms. The total size of the room to be about 7 X 14 and to include both the furnace and the wood pellet bin. This would put the new furnace between the two back up furnaces, and allow easy installation to those furnace systems. This would remove one table from the dining hall.

Jim to get a quote and set of specs to Marty. Bruce to create bid specs. Marty to continue to pursue the PUC rebate. Bruce to create a warrant article to present to Select Board. Draft warrant article: "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose of designing, purchasing, and installing a wood pellet furnace heating system for the Town Hall, together with any associated structural, plumbing, or electrical work needed to implement the system. The exact specifications for this furnace will be developed by the Select Board, who shall award a contract for the project using the competitive bidding process. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the furnace installation and related testing is completed or by June 30, 2015, whichever is sooner. This warrant article to be contingent upon the Select Board securing at least 30% of the cost through grant or other funding sources other than general taxation prior to June 30, 2015. The governing body recommends this appropriation by (the vote)." A question may be about how to use some money from the Town Hall Improvements Capital Reserve funds.

Bruce Johnson
Webster Selectman