

APPROVED MINUTES - 11/2/09

Present: Bill Conley, Chris Derby, Sam Farwell, Diana Lischer-Goodband, Bob Sherwood, Suzanne Weinberg, Alex Wilson, Jerelyn Wilson (minutes)

Guest: Stan Howe

1. Review agenda

2. Approval of 9/28/09 meeting minutes

Diana moved, Sam seconded, unanimously approved

3. Lighting for the West Dummerston Covered Bridge - Stan Howe

Stan Howe would like to volunteer his time/expertise to replace the lighting in the covered bridge with more energy efficient option. Proposes that Entergy (his employer) fund the project.

Discussion about:

Funding sources and related political/publicity issues

Historic /atmosphere/community considerations

120 Line LED Sconce fixtures as a good option

Action:

Alex - pursue media contact at Philips for better pricing or donation

All - Consider how to communicate to residents. Possibilities: Alex's Reformer column, email networks, school parent newsletter, Commons newspaper.

Diana - contact Cindy Wilcox - historical society.

Inquire with the State Dept of Historical Preservation

Identify any insurance issues

Implement an installation test

Decide on a communication plan for both before and after

Alex - respond to Andrew - Select Board.

All - go through covered bridge and observe the current lighting more carefully

4. Discussion of potential funding opportunities - Bill, Sam, Diana

School lighting

Solar for schools opportunity

CEDF (Clean Energy development Fund) potential

Stimulus funds

Low-income weatherization (SEVCA eligibility in town) - Sam

Other

Action:

Sam - explore school audit funding

Grant for school lighting will come around again in the spring

Alex - contact Craig Stead about timetable for possible audit

7. Website - Bob

Bob collected suggestions and will email individuals for specific text; he will make changes and additions to website

8. Upcoming meeting of the Vermont Community Energy and Climate Action Conference on December 5, 2010

Bill, Bob, Sam will consider going

Next meeting:

Dec. 7 11 - 1 at the Putney Field House

Alex to contact Don Cuerdon about the space & also invite PEC members

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm