

Otisfield Resilience Committee Minutes April 13, 2023

Otisfield Town Community Hall

- 1) Meeting Called to order at 7:08 PM
- 2) Members present, Tom Dash , Linda Poto , Patricia McCoy Sarah Burnham and Maureen Howard
- 3) Guests Present: Daryl Johnson, Jim Howard, Adam Grant, Brendan Bedell
- 4) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:
Minutes approved by voice vote 7:35 PM
- 5) New Business:
 - A) C-1: Conduct a baseline energy audit: Claire McGlinchey, CEBE, has all necessary information from John Snell to include an energy audit proposal in the spring 2023 grant in the amount of \$2,500.00.
 - B) H-4: Engage youth in resilience awareness and clean energy use: Claire McGlinchey has been given all necessary information and cost of the Pollinator Garden project at \$12,953.47. She will include it in the Spring 2023 grant request.
 - C) F-14: Vulnerable resident program during cold and extreme heat emergencies: Noreen Edwards should meet with Claire McGlinchey to finalize facts and figures for the Town Hall Emergency Center upgrades such as more comfortable chairs and items to occupy small children, books, crayons, etc. The last known estimate for these plus the emergency kits was \$13,494.00. The committee also approved unanimously to include a request for an electronic sign for the exterior of the Community Hall at an estimated cost of \$13,730.54 to be included in the Spring 2023 grant. The total cost of F-14 is \$26124.
 - D) C-7: Installing a Renewable Energy Project: Maureen Howard recommends the committee contact Scott Von, CEBE, to be our solar project coordinator. Scott has been involved in similar solar projects with other towns in the area and would have greater insight in the preparation of a large solar project for Otisfield. The completion of a town building energy audit is a necessary first step. The siting of a solar farm on the Swampville Road, town owned land, was discussed. Guests, Darryl Johnson and Jim Howard informed the committee that the necessary electrical infrastructure did not exist. The cost of installing such upgrades would be prohibitive for the town at this time. Sarah Burnham confirmed that the present solar farm restrictions in Otisfield, did not apply to town land.
 - E) The Resilience grant for Spring 2023 is still on hold. No information is expected until the end of April. It is anticipated that the approval or disapproval will not be known until mid-summer. CEBE, Center for Ecology Based Economy, will be

writing up and submitting the Otisfield grant request as approved by the town's Board of Selectmen.

- F) Adjournment: At 8:26 PM. Presently No new meeting is scheduled for April, at this time.