

Warwick Buildings & Energy Committee Annual Report for FY 2012

The purpose of the Warwick Buildings and Energy Committee is to assess town buildings and maintenance needs, research options for the select board and Warwick citizens to encourage efficient energy consumption and optimal maintenance of town properties, and encourage Warwick townspeople's own efforts in renewable energy production and carbon footprint reduction.

The committee was established by the Selectboard on December 4, 2006, as an ad hoc Town Buildings Committee. In May of '07 it began to meet as the Buildings and Energy Committee (WBEC). The Selectboard voted on June 30, 2008, to make it an official town committee with six members appointed for staggered three-year terms.

Members, as of the end of FY 2012 are:

Janice Kurkoski '14 – chair	Dan Dibble '13	Matt Sheldon '15
Steve Kurkoski '14– scribe	Jim Toth '13	Jack Cadwell '12

The WBEC as well as the Finance and Broadband Committees lost Les Goodman last year (we have missed you Les!), but gained some fresh young eyes with Matt Sheldon - welcome Matt.

Warwick Town Hall:

In the dining room, several window sashes were rebuilt and installed, and drip caps replaced. The storm windows in the main hall were replaced. Winserts are still needed in the main hall. There is insufficient hot water during large events, especially during winter months. Pipe insulation is needed and perhaps re-install the 80 gal tank.

Warwick Community School:

The WBEC struggled all year with the idea that the school district could somehow reimburse the town for energy saving capital expenses from the proven savings within the annual operation budget. David Young spoke with various people in the other towns in the district, some of whom did not object and thought the idea could work in their towns as well. Steve & Janice presented to the Northfield Energy Committee, who were also supportive. The PVRSD formed an ad hoc committee to address our request. They concluded that this goes against the district agreement. An article was presented at Warwick town meeting and passed: Shall the Town borrow a sum of money to fund energy-saving and building performance improvements at the Warwick Community School, contingent upon approval by all the PVRSD member towns of a performance contract agreement one-off variance from the "District Agreement" or take other action related thereto. The deteriorating roof will need re-placing, but not before we can address the needed improvements in attic and gym roof insulation and airsealing. The generator was worked on by Steve Kurkoski and Roland Weld. A log was placed at the site and the custodian was asked to perform generator tests weekly and note results in the log.

Fire Dept: WBEC has not yet been given the plans for the new safety building. The plans need to be reviewed by the WBEC as soon as possible.

Fire station, Police station, and Library - engineering and building performance assessments are needed to determine extent and types of air sealing and additional insulation (especially in attics and library basement.) Winserts are still needed in these buildings.

General Items: The town bought into the North Quabbin Solar Project by signing a contract to buy electricity at a fixed rate for 10 years. The first phase is a 2MW system at Hunt's farm in Orange.

We continue to track oil and electric consumption using the MASS Energy Insight on-line program. We did have a mild winter, but beyond that note the results of the energy saving efforts of the folks who use the town hall, especially the ever-watchful David Young.

