

Building and Grounds Committee met on October 19, 2017. In attendance was John Calarese, Marian Matthews, and guest, Susan Eastwood.

The meeting was called to order by John Calarese at 6:13.

Susan reported on interest free energy loans, such as the following: the Small Business Energy Advantage Program for which we can obtain \$100,000 and Energy Opportunity Program, which can provide \$500,000. She said that our group should meet with Andrew Bridges at Eversource, who is the engineer who sent the energy audit. He would be willing to meet with us.

In discussing all our options, including bonding for energy efficiencies, Susan mentioned that the building committee at Region 19 is also on board. They have discussed it with Lynn Stoddard, who is on the energy committee for Mansfield.

We might also want to consider having a joint meeting with Willington and Mansfield to discuss all our options.

We need to emphasize projects that will pay for themselves with the savings that are accrued. We need to find out the process for applying for the loan and how soon we can do it. Susan will look into it but also we can talk with Andrew Bridges.

Another option discussed was how Honeywell organized, priced it out, and put in place all of the energy efficiencies they put in place in Stafford. We discussed having Jim Rupert contact the superintendent in Stafford about how that occurred.

Mansfield has collected data on what other schools have done and sent that to Susan. She is going to provide some of the information on Stafford has done to us.

We also discussed the possibility that Jim Rupert talk to Gary Fisher, head of the energy commission (with Butch Clark and Lenard ?), or have him come and talk to us.

We want to show the film "The Future of Energy" to the staff.

We discussed roof replacements and solar. Right now there is a 30% tax credit for renewables—maybe we could get a lease from a company to put on solar panels and they could get the tax credit.

These are the things we need to do:

1. Contact the folks from Stafford about energy savings.
2. Susan will contact Andrew and we will hear from her about whether we can

meet with him.

3. Ask BOE if can send Friar audit and also if they want to meet with Andrew.
4. See when Andrew could meet with us and see about the details on the \$100,000 loan.
5. Research the various loans.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.

Submitted by Marian Matthews