

Glover Energy Committee Meeting, May 5th, 2025

Present: Ann Creaven, Sara Gluckman, Mariel Hess

Guests: Nella Cargioli Coe and James Coe

Nella and James came with architectural drawings of the 3 town buildings that are getting energy updates through MERP. They reviewed them with us, pointing out areas that need decisions made with regard to Scope of Work. They will be engaging their mechanical engineer to review and make suggestions/recommendations.

For Town Hall there was discussion on retrofitting the present oil burners to propane, since propane is 15% more energy efficient than oil. This would be a back up to the new heat pump system we plan to install per audit recommendations.

For Municipal Building, window replacement is included in the original Scope of Work but if funds will not cover all, we think the ones on the main floor - and perhaps the one in Theresa's office should be prioritized. We note we need to let VDHP (Vermont Dept. of Historic Preservation) know by June 30th what specific replacement types of windows are being recommended - since they have to approve them.

For Fire Station, putting on a new roof is the priority for this building under our MERP grant SOW. Several other issues need attention - including sewer/water drain pipe, and desired storage shed/garage addition, but these do not come under our MERP SOW, so will have to be addressed by the Fire Squad itself.

We note that we may not be able to complete all the projects included in proposed Scope of Work. This is at least in part because of likely increased costs of materials due to tariffs put in place by the present federal administration. We understand priority should be put on improving the envelope of each building, and secondly improving HVAC systems. Things like EV-chargers, and refrigerator replacement are deemed less important.

Next meeting: Monday, May 19th at 4pm at Glover Library

Respectfully submitted by Mariel Hess, Glover Energy Committee Member