

**MINUTES FOR FRANKLIN PLANNING COMMISSION**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

**FELCO ROOM, HOMESTEAD**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Clark Hubbard, Jr., Brooks Sturtevant, Daniel Larivee, Peter Kittell, Greg P Bouchard.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Yvon Dandurand (select board), Peter Magnant (select board), Diane Gates, June Morgan (secretary).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting came to order 7:15. Motion made by Clark Hubbard to approve minutes from January, 2013. All voted in favor of accepting minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Wind Energy VT, Green Energy Assist. Webinar meeting, Carol Weston, for PACE.

Benefits discussed:

Fixed long-term 20-year. No up front cost.

Low interest.

Local work, local contractors.

Requirements: must own property.

No overdue tax payments.

Debt to income ratio =41%

Not subject to reverse mortgage.

15% of home value max \$30,000.

Cannot be used for new build.

What is Town's Role?

PACE Project, contact Efficiency VT.

Submit work report, renewable incentive program.

Clark asked question of where does money come from. VT Legislation has \$20 million for PACE program.

Greg asked what happens if it cannot be paid? First strict eligibility qualifications need to be met, but still problems arise. Three late notices will be issued. Up to town to collect money or foreclosure. 24 V.S.A. Sect 3255.

Set up special meeting or put out on Town Meeting.

Hold vote.

Designate contact.

Program adopted by the Select Board.

Diane Gates questioned property owner's responsibility. Eligibility review, financial reviews, energy audit \$50.00 fee.

Clark had question of what if contractor's bill is not approved? Has to be approved up front.

Slide presentation closed at 8:30. Carol Weston thanked for her presentation.

Comments and discussion after slide show.

Extra cost for the town.

Is it worth it, what costs is the town going to incur; 20 year cost to keep program going, long term commitment. Someone is going to have to spend quite a bit of time doing this, who will be willing to do this? It was felt that the banks should

handle the collection of overdue or inability to pay. Passing the buck to the town.

Need to see what the interest is.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 by Clark Hubbard, Jr.

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