

Report of the Energy Committee

The Fremont Energy Committee (FEC) is a volunteer group that began in 2007 to focus on public energy use and efficiency and to provide energy efficiency and incentive information to the public. In 2015 the FEC met on an approximate monthly basis and focused on a few initiatives.

The ongoing initiative involves evaluation of installing solar panels on town's properties. The FEC evaluated the advantages and disadvantages of installing solar panels on the Safety Complex roof and the landfill behind the Highway Department facility. The latter site is serviced by NH Electric Coop. The remaining Town properties are serviced by Eversource, formerly known as PSNH. At year end the FEC is still assessing what options are available to the Town in order to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

A second initiative was the ongoing interest in the replacement of the Town Hall heating system. The FEC collaborated with the Fremont Board of Selectmen who, consulted with mechanical design engineer regarding equipment and design options. Under the direction of Board of Selectmen, a design and heating and air conditioning contractor was selected. The phased installation got underway in 2015 and is planned to be completed in 2016. Bob Meade, Building Inspector, has been instrumental in overseeing this installation.

Also, at year end the FEC was reviewing the draft of the proposed Energy Chapter of the Fremont Master Plan which is being updated by the Fremont Planning Board. It is expected that the FEC recommendations will be completed in early 2016.

The FEC is pleased to know that Fremont residents are recycling approximately 20% of their trash. Recycling improves our energy efficiency, saves landfill space and reduces the Town's operating costs. For those that are making the effort to maximize their recycling, keep up the good work. As a community we can improve on this as there are residences where little, if any, recycling is occurring.

The FEC welcomed newly elected Selectman Neal Janvrin, who decided to join the FEC in 2015. The FEC is always interested in new members joining the group. Individuals who are interested in energy efficiency and have the time to meet monthly are encouraged to attend a meeting and see if becoming a part of the FEC is of interest.

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*"For the environment after all is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest;
it is one thing that all of us share.
It is not only a mirror of ourselves, but a focusing lens on what we can become."*

*~ Lady Bird Johnson
1912 – 2012 Centennial*