

Township Committee Meeting March 7, 2011

This past week I attended a meeting with the B.O.E., our administrator and Jeff about shared services. Specific information to come in upcoming meetings. The 2011/2012 district budget has been submitted to the commissioner and is under review.

Climate Action Committee

On Tuesday, March 1, I attended an informational workshop by Larry Barth of New Jersey Resources on solar energy. NJR is offering solar systems for qualified homeowners. There is no up front money necessary and NJR is responsible for the maintenance for the 20 year duration period. The homeowner only pays 60% of what they save monthly. NJR receives the SREC credits from the Federal Government. It is a 20 minute presentation and I would recommend that the township consider allowing the presentation at the next meeting.

K-9 Unit

After carefully reviewing the pros, cons, and factors involved in maintaining the unit, I have come to the conclusion that it is not cost effective. This will only add to an overtime figure that has to be capped, duplicate county services, and the dog can only be utilized for either drugs or tracking, not both.

Use of Little League Fields

There has been some controversy as to the use of the fields by little league and traveling teams. As of this report I was told that the situation has been resolved by our business administrator. Hopefully this is the case, and the whole Township Committee will not have to intervene to review the current situation and standing agreements.

Cox House

As an eight year member of this committee, I have yet to see a plan put forward by the Cox Committee for fundraising, maintenance or the use of the property. The building is a historic site that is in desperate need of very expensive repairs. I

have obtained a fee schedule for use of Stafford Historical Society Properties here for the Committee's review and ask that it be pasted down to the Cox Committee. If the Cox Committee fails to act on this requests, I would recommend that the Township turn over the structure to the County or the estate of origination.

Meadow Edge

The Township Committee should also review the usage of the Meadow Edge Property to make sure that it is being utilized to it's full potential. If it can not be brought up to it's full potential it should be sold and put back on the tax roll.