



Pat encouraged the Town to include money in the budget for matching funds for potential grants the Energy Committee feels is worth pursuing.

Pat advised that an audit of the town office refrigerator showed very poor energy usage. It would be cost effective for the Town to purchase a new refrigerator due to the cost savings in electrical use as well as rebates being offered by Efficiency Vermont.

### **LCATV – PEG ACCESS**

Kevin Christopher from Lake Champlain Access Television (LCATV) and Christina DeGraff from Comcast, met with the Board to discuss PEG (Public, Educational, Government) Access options. By law, cable companies are required to provide public access television. To meet this requirement Comcast has a bulletin board for towns and schools to post information (there is no additional fee for this service) or provide the service through a third party. LCATV is a third party provider that broadcasts town and school events. A fee is assessed on every cable subscriber's monthly bill for the service; the fee is regulated by the FCC. LCATV would provide training and equipment to town residents to film the events.

The Town asked residents to complete a survey to gauge interest in PEG Access. The majority of the survey respondents did not want to pay a fee for this service.

Judy DeNova and Martha Heath spoke in favor of the LCATV services. They feel the survey was not clear and therefore residents may not have an understanding of LCATV's services and the benefits.

Kevin will submit an article to appear in the next newsletter explaining LCATV's PEG Access service. The Selectboard invited LCATV to attend the joint budget meeting in January to film and broadcast the meeting as an example of their service. The Board will wait until after Town Meeting to make a decision regarding PEG Access.

### **RON FREY – OLD STAGE ROAD**

Ron Frey met with the Board to discuss water runoff from Old Stage Road onto his property. He received the Board's letter dated August 25, 2009 and disagrees with the Board's decision. Ron explained the agricultural conditions placed on his property by Act250. Due to the wet terrain, it is extremely difficult for him to abide by the conditions. He feels the Town has the option of diverting the runoff down the other side of the road rather than through the existing culvert; he feels the Town is culpable. The Board disagrees. The culvert has been there for 50 years. The area has changed due to development. Dave Tilton offered to put Ron in contact with the appropriate agency to assist Ron with identifying solutions for the drainage problem.

### **ROAD SCHEDULE**

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the Road Schedule for December 4, 2009 through December 24, 2009, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

### **RESCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

The Fee Schedule, Minutes, Budget Workshop and Executive Session to discuss personnel/salaries were rescheduled to the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting due to the length of this meeting.

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**ADJOURN**

Bob Bancroft made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Quinn, Chair  
Westford Selectboard

Nanette Rogers  
Town Clerk