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Library

Present: Alisa Pearson, John Larson, Sahar Daoudi-Njem, Tony Rogers and Rick Adamcek

Cadmus bill needs to go to June

Rick want to see the MVP III application.

Diverse views on what should be submitted for next grant.

HVAC discussion contingent on 250 K VRF grant, VRF not contingent on solar or batteries.

Generator: will need to bring generator up to code because load increases with VRF. Needs an auto-interface. 85K cost.

Total cost of VRF does not exceed 30% of the cost of the CCP. No triggers to worry about therefore.

Discussion of the 75K TM articles to repair and replace the existing HVAC, and about moving old generator to the Rhodes campus. Rick has not spent any of this money yet.

Should grant come through, we would need to write a warrant with $XX-number contingent on grant- to finish the VRF. Rick recommends adding 20% for contingency- as recommended by R. W. Hall.

Cost to replace oil furnace 15K- but the pipes and pumps are the worry and cost. Wood chip burner cost was estimated at 180K, wood vendor thought this would come down to 100K. “Fuel is free”. Operating cost roughly that of VRF. VRF qualifies for three times as many credits as wood burning. Credits are like RECs, based on delivered heat. Payment comes once a year. In Pelham’s case, it would amount to a few $1000. The current VRF system is not eligible, but this could be revisited.

Pellets would require an underground silo, trucks backing up to unload and also to remove the ash. Residents have resisted because of air quality.

3 back to back leaks have been fixed in the system. Rick says the single pipe system is the problem. It violated code to heat through plastic. This is why CCP has copper and iron- but metal contracts and expands – now 50 degrees, now 100…Rick says we can coast for a few more years.

Ashburnham visit? June 22/23? Tony will reach out to John Trickey, chair of finance.

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