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From: Williamsville Hall Committee

To: Town of Newfane Selectboard

Proposal: Installation of Propane Powered Standby Generator at the Williamsville Hall

The Hall committee recommends the installation of this generator for 3 purposes.

1. The Hall has become a vital community resource. Each month a wide range of activities take place. From Tai Chi classes, private parties, concerts, amateur theater performances, memorial services, community wide meetings, movie screenings, free communal breakfasts, etc. A generator would ensure these activities could continue.
2. Protection for plumbing from freezing. The Hall contains 4 bathrooms, a kitchen and a forced hot water heating system. All of these are susceptible to damage from freezing temperatures, depending on outside temperatures and duration of power outages. The generator would protect these systems and the Hall from possible damage and expensive repairs.
3. In the case of a severe climate event causing flooding, road damage, and long term loss of power, the Hall would serve as a center for recovery efforts, as it did after the damage from Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. The use of the Hall at that time was extensive and extremely valuable. Some of the uses then were the serving of daily breakfast, potluck meals, phone and wifi connection, message center, lost and found and a vital sense of community.

Cost: Installation of a 10KW generator on a concrete pad.

Connection to Hall electrical system \$9,000.00

Connection to existing propane tanks, labor for trench supplied by town \$500.00

Total: \$9,500.00

Electrical Estimate attached