

ENERGY COMMITTEE
May 16, 2018
Mulvey Municipal Center
Regular Meeting Corrected Minutes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chris Ehlert at 5:05 pm.

Members Present:

Chairperson Chris Ehlert, Bill Fish, Bill Fredrickson, Darlene Briggs, Richard White, Gary Gavigan and Jill Brainerd (at 5:16 p.m.). (Jill Brainerd and Gary Gavigan left the meeting at 5:56 p.m.).

LED Streetlight Update – Bill Fish:

Bill Fish stated that the Town took ownership of 625 streetlights on 4/13/18. The next step is for the Pilot Fixtures to be installed at the Town Beach, Flat Rock Place and the decorative fixtures (probably on Halls Road). There is a possibility that we might have to replace the entire fixture for the decorative lamps. There are 12 orphan lights that were not on the list of purchases and are not being maintained at this time. The town has access to an on-line map of all lights in town and the locations eventually will be on the Land Use GIS map. Chairman Ehlert pointed out that Mr. Fish has spent 20 to 25 hours per week on the LED Streetlight Project. He thanked Mr. Fish for all his hard work.

Municipal Building Energy Audit Results – Committee Discussion:

Chairman Ehlert stated that Willdan did put our audit results into the Eversource system and they were told that the project would qualify, but we are still waiting for an official answer. The members want to see the final package before discussion any further. We should also have ABS and Environmental Engineering look at the audit results for the Town Hall.

ZREC Update – Chris Ehlert:

Chairman Ehlert sent new Senate Bill #9 to all members which will affect the ZREC Plan. The spring auction has been put on hold until the new bill is either approved or rejected. We will enter the next auction for the buildings that did not get approved last auction. The virtual net metering is back on the table, which means the Town Landfill Project could be back on the table. Mr. Ehlert has asked Mr. Whittman to put an application in now for the virtual net metering. Mr. Ehlert will continue to work with Mr. Whittman as things move forward.

Microgrid RFP Update – Chris Ehlert:

Chairman Ehlert stated that there has been no answer yet and at some point the Committee is going to have to decide where to go from here.

Notification of Violation DEEP – Underground oil tanks – Update:

Chairman Ehlert stated that funds were approved at the Town Meeting to take care of the tanks at the Riggio Building, Fire Department and the Historical Society. Originally the tank at the Riggio Building was thought to be a 5000 gallon tank, but it is only a 1000 gallon tank. Therefore, it makes no sense to continue with the idea of dual fuel because it would not be worth the cost. The Board of Education originally wanted to replace and convert the generators at the High School and the Daisy Ingraham School to natural gas. The current generators have very few hours on them. The Board of Selectmen have tasked the School Building Committee to manage the project for the 2 schools. Specs are to be created and will be sent out to bid.

Sub-Committee to Update Municipal Energy Plan:

Chairman Ehlert stated that he would like volunteers for a sub-committee to update the municipal energy plan. Darleen Briggs, Bill Fredrickson and Richard White volunteered.

Approval of Bills:

Upon a motion by Richard White, seconded by Darlene Briggs, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of \$66.45 and \$88.60 to Kathleen Kelemen for March and April Secretarial duties.

Approval of Minutes – April 18, 2018:

The approval of minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Update of Municipal Committee Member Updates:

None.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Darlene Briggs, seconded by Richard White, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen

NOTE: All changes indicated in bold, underlined and italicized print.