

Energy Committee Minutes
13 August 2019
5:20PM
Whitney Hall Conference Room

Members in attendance: Jo-Ellen Courtney, Kurt Gotthardt, Marta Ceroni, Charles Clark

Others: Wendell Smith, Hope Stragnell, Rob Taylor (Enfield Planning & Zoning Administrator)

Agenda items: Weatherize, Street Lights, Community Building Lights, Facilities Planning, Master Plans, Meeting times

Weatherize Celebration- Hope Stragnell opened the meeting by inviting everyone on the committee to her house, in Canaan, for the weatherize celebration next Sunday, 18 August. Hope said that a notice has been sent, but no one in our group has received this notification. Hope said that she will send a notice to all members of this group. The contractors involved in this project should be present at this meeting. Two hard copies of the notice were left with our group

Street Lights- Kurt Gotthardt said no progress has been made on the streetlight removal that was voted on at town meeting in March. Some of the lights that were slated to be removed have been repaired and their present status is not known. Rob Taylor, our new town planner, spoke on the same topic as to what was being done in Plainfield, NH, where he is a selectman. He also told us what Lebanon was doing, energy wise, where he had been on the planning board and had worked with Tad Montgomery.

Facilities Planning- Jo-Ellen Courtney said she had attended the facilities planning meeting and learned that they are visiting different neighboring towns to see what other communities have done regarding combining police, fire and EMS services in particular.

Weatherize update- Jo-Ellen Courtney said that weatherization of her house has been completed. Eighteen families have signed up for the weatherize program. Jo-Ellen Courtney who is also a member of the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee showed us the proposed drawing for the new structure to be built at the park. This new structure will be 28' X 38', covering a total of 1064 sq.ft. The Lakeside Park Committee is asking for input from the Energy Committee regarding lighting in the new structure. Because of the octagon shape of the roof they are not considering solar panels for the building. Wendell Smith suggested that they consider changing the shape of the roof and making it south facing for solar with battery storage. The lakeside park project produced much discussion and suggestions on how the proposed structure could be improved.

Community Building lights – Charles Clark looked at the Liberty Utilities bills for the last three years to see what effect installing the new LED lights, that were installed on 4 January 2019, had on the electrical usage. The spreadsheet showed that the KWH usage has been reduced by about 50%. The installation of the new lights also coincided with the ending of the bingo game in this building.

The parking lot lights on the back of the town hall and the police station, that have been on continuously for past four months, 24/7 are to be repaired or replaced.

Master Plan – Rob Taylor and Kurt Gotthardt, who are members of the planning board talked about the new master plan that is being formulated to replace the old plan that was previous written in 1995. Once the plan has been started the group will be asking for input for directions for the on new plan.

Meeting time – It was decided that the next meeting of the Energy Committee will be 10 September at 5:15 pm in Whitney Hall to discuss the idea of doing another round of Solarization in Enfield and Canaan.

This meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by

Charles Clark