

Enfield Energy Committee Minutes

Oct 11, 2016

Attending: Charlie Clark, Alisa Bonnette, Kim Quirk

Not enough people for a quorum to approve minutes or vote on anything. Discussion notes below:

OLD BUSINESS

- Final report on DPW
 - Some lights in the DPW are not turning off. The office ones work; The truck bays aren't working properly. Charlie is looking into it.
 - For a \$1500 project we are going to get \$610 back! Alisa is looking into how some of this money might get back in the EEC line item. It would have to be used this year and probably half of it was town money and half was EEC budgeted.
 - Jim Taylor recommended Charlie look at the Library -- get rid of ballast and go to LED; and the stage area.

- Report on Button Up (Holly)
 - We had over 20 people at the workshop and received good feedback. There seems to be interest in doing it again next year and if we time it differently (not as close to the start of the school year and once the weather has gotten a little colder) we may get a larger crowd.

 - The link to the presentation is:
http://www.plymouthenergy.org/BU_Presentation.pdf. The door prizes seemed popular and I think next year we could do cans of spray foam.

- Streetlight Conversion (Jim, no update)
- Advance Transit Loop extension - on hold until January meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- Ready for 100 - (Kim) This is a Sierra Club national program to encourage towns to commit to 100% renewables by 2050.
 - A study group is meeting Oct 17th, Bugbee senior center, 6:30pm. If you'd like more info, please email Kim.
 - Hanover is moving forward proposing a warrant article for the town to vote in favor or against 100% renewables by 2050; Leb, Enfield, Plainfield, Cornish are meeting to discuss what can be done in these towns.

- Need more education about how renewable energy saves money, not just environment. RF100 is planning a panel with real NH stories of reducing fossil fuels.
- DPW or other town solar project - Kim has looked into a PPA agreement enough to get an idea of how it might work for the town. Investors would form an LLC that funds and builds the solar array. It would be interconnected to the DPW, significantly reducing its electric bill. The Town would then pay the new company for electricity at a lower rate than what they pay Liberty today with options to buy out the array in 5, 10 or 15 years.
 - There are a number of questions that need to be answered: If it is a private company offering electricity to the town, does the decision have to go to town meeting?
 - Would there be a conflict of interest if Energy Emporium were a partner or member of the LLC? Or if the LLC was made up of towns people?
- Building Permit info: Today when you file a building permit for new construction you are required to file the NH Energy code permit as well -- which has a good amount of requirements on insulation, air tightness, etc.
 - Find out from Phil if people are submitting this energy code permit with new construction or if there are issues holding it back.
 - Alisa offered to ensure that the link to the NH Energy Code permit is on the website with other permit info.

Next meeting is January 10, 2017