

Enfield Energy Committee

minutes for Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Called the meeting to order at 5:15. Charlie Clark, Phil Vermeer, Kim Quirk, Travis Boucher, Charlie DePuy, Kurt Gotthard attending.

Kim reported on the Weatherize Canaan - Enfield program. We are focusing on publicity for the program's kick-off, informational event on Saturday, Jan 19th at 3:00 at the High School. Yard signs and flyers were handed out for distribution.

Charlie Clark reported the following energy upgrades to Town buildings:

Installed five motion detector switches in Enfield Police Department. A rebate check for \$60 was received by the town.

Worked with the Enfield Center Fire Department to replace all fluorescent lights with LED lights in the fire house. 20, 8 foot tubes were replaced with 80, 4 foot LED tubes. This is a work in progress.

At the community building, 38 recessed can lights were retro fitted with LED kits. All work was done with workers from DPW.

Worked with Jim Taylor to order 9 exterior lights to be installed on the DPW building. Liberty Utilities will pay 35% of the total conversion cost or about \$700. These lights will be installed at the end of January.

Looking for ways to make the DPW building more energy efficient. Adding insulation will be the more cost effective way.

The subject of streetlight removal continues. Kurt distributed a petition (25 signature minimum. Submit to Alisa by end of January) to insert a warrant article at Town meeting to vote on the entire list of 29 lights agreed on by the Town Manager and Chief of Police for removal. Seven

of these are already offline. Meanwhile, Charlie C. reported on meetings in Lebanon where Energy Director, Tad Montgomery plans to purchase their lights from Liberty Utilities and convert them to LED, thus avoiding Liberty's preposterous conversion rates. Such an idea might be feasible if all streetlights were metered and not subject to Liberty's usurious maintenance charges. This would also eliminate Liberty's faulty inventory records which result in charges for non-existent lights.

Travis will look into a program called Smart Start which facilitates municipal projects while avoiding up front costs. He will also run a cost feasibility study on purchasing our streetlights. Since most of our lights are old and amortized, the purchase price may be reasonable.

submitted 1/9/19,

Charles DePuy, chair