

Enfield Energy Committee
meeting minutes - Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Present: Charles Clark, Kim Quirk, Holly West, Kurt Gotthard, Charles DePuy

Weatherize:

Charlie D. reported that, due to lack of volunteers, the Committee declined Vital Communities invitation to participate in the Weatherize program. We will be re-invited next year.

Streetlight Policy:

The Committee made revisions to the draft (see enclosure) which will emphasize streetlight reduction instead of conversion to LED as originally intended. This in order to avoid operating cost increases.

It was discussed that the Town Manager has legal authority over streetlight policy. As a result, our meeting with the Selectboard was canceled. Charlie D. and Charlie C. will alert the Town Manager and contact him to discuss the revised draft and to plan future talks with Liberty Utilities.

Charlie C. will try to get information about the Salem, NH plans to convert to LED, and Kurt will investigate streetlight cost trends over the years.

EV Charging Station:

The Committee endorses the idea of a public EV charging station to be located at Huse Park. Kim will investigate funding sources and prepare a proposal for the next meeting in January.

HB 559:

At the urging of the Town Planner, Charlie D. sent an e-mail to the NH legislature, supporting this bill, which re-directs RGGI funds toward municipal and school district energy efficiency projects. The e-mail also urges that RGGI funds be used to supplement the currently empty Renewable Energy Fund of the PUC, which supplies rebates for grid connected solar projects.

PPA for the DPW Salt Shed:

Kim announced that, due to the depletion of the above mentioned Renewable Energy Fund, it is unlikely that a PPA between Energy Emporium and the Town will be possible. Without the State rebate, the plan's financials are untenable. Kim will prepare a tentative PPA for approval by the Selectboard and Town meeting in March in case the fund is replenished.

Charlie C announced tha Jim Taylor reports annual electric cost reductions of \$3,000 + , thanks to the Committee's influence and direct action on efficiency efforts at the DPW.