

Energy Committee Minutes
November 10, 2015
Whitney Hall Conference Room
5:15 PM

Attending: Charlie Clark, Larry, Kim, Jim, Alisa, Kurt

Minutes were approved.

DPW / Lights

Charlie asked Dan Cornell to walk through the DPW to look at what has been done and can be done. There are 60 x 8' fixtures, and 10 x 8' waterproof fixtures in "wash bay".

All the lights were on. The suggestion is that the lights should be put on motion sensors. Charlie is donating one motion detector and his labor to install it in the break room to see how that goes. More efficient exterior lighting has also been recommended.

He also talked to Gary Hubbert at Defiant who recommended the EverLED made in Randolph, VT, uses existing ballast. The lights we got for the DPW last year required removal of the ballast. We can save money on labor by not removing ballasts, but they do fail and take some energy so it should be a longer life system and lower energy cost to use un-ballasted.

Charlie will ask Defiant to quote on the 8 footer replacements (perhaps a per fixture price).

SOLARIZE Update

Holly sent out a good report on the end of the Solarize program. 42 people signed up; about 18 of them are on the waitlist to interconnect with Liberty if/when the cap is raised. The hope is that the legislature will raise the cap while the PUC (public utilities commission) comes up with new net-metering rules. The latter is likely to take a year+.

Solar Zoning changes

Kurt reported: Planning board agreed to move this forward and allow it to be put on the ballot. Any time there is a requested change it has to be part of a public hearing. This is scheduled to come up on Wed, Oct 18th, DPW 7pm (start of planning board).

Kurt suggests maybe one of the energy committees (Jim?) will say we recommend eliminating the "100kW in size" sentence from the definition of "Solar Array Community".

Please attend if you can!

Kurt, Jim will attend... hoping others will be able! (Kim, Larry, Phil are not in town that day).

BUDGET Committee

Charlie will help us get prices for motion sensors so we can make that the main budget item for the year. Once we know what we are asking for, we should send a memo with the details of what we would spend the money on and how much it would save us.

VETERAN'S Lights

The park lights are on all the time now. Alisa will follow up with Jim on this as a maintenance issue.

Meeting adjourned 6pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Dec 8th, 5:15pm, Whitney Hall.