# **Granby Energy Committee**

18 February 2016 6:30pm Granby High School Library

#### **Proposed Minutes**

### **Energy Committee:**

Marie McCourt (MM), Chair; Bill Shaheen (BS), Secretary; Jay Joyce (JJ), Mark Vincelette (MV), Matthew McCourt (MTM) (absent)

**Visitors:** Jim Barry, DOER; Judy Houle, Interim Superintendent of Schools; John Sullivan, Director of Facilities.

## I. Call to Order:

630 pm by MM

#### II. Approval of Minutes:

Reviewed meeting of 27Jan2016 Minutes from Jan meeting approved as written, all vote in favor. Next meeting scheduled for 17Mar2016.

## III. New Business:

- Discussion from J. Houle and J. Sullivan regarding the energy inefficiencies in the school(s), and what is being addressed and how. Funding ?

J. Houle advises East Meadow School (EMS) and High School (HS) seeks to enter lighting program with National Grid and Guardian. Also, seeks to purchase electricity from Kearsarge Solar; a 20 yr agreement pending with Town.

HS seek existing Hot Water Boiler replacement; each currently use #2 oil. Q: Is a natural gas line available (BS) ? *Dave Derosiers reports closest Nat Gas is at Five Corners*.

Existing energy audit (JJ) ? Seek existing reports (ref: C Martin) Domestic hot water in building - also use oil fired boiler. Heat Pump Water Heater as an energy efficient option? Roof replacement - architect Roy Brown of Wilbraham preparing spec per J Houle.

A formal building envelope heat loss analysis would be desirable before embarking on any major expenditure (BS). Benefit / Cost analysis.

Toured boiler room with John Sullivan.

Jim Barry - seek existing energy audits for HS in order to qualify for Spring funding program grants

- EC discussion about wind sensor and local data collection. Sensor to be owned by Town.

JJ motions \$ 100 to be allocated for purchase and installation. Passed unanimously. JJ will meet w/ SB Monday evening for funding.

- Discussion about general distributed power generation issues (BS):

Possible Granby By Law change to improve solar efficiency via Energy Easements ?

Right to energy ? parallels Right to Farm. BS distributes model regulation for review.

Defer discussion until next meeting.

- Next steps – Mass compliant Energy Audit? Wait for J Barry; and Guardian review.

## IV. Old Business:

Annual Town Report submittal – status report. Text completed per MM. Sent to Cathy Leonard.

*Charter* – creation using the charge from the SB and the Boxborough charter as a template?

- The Select Board voted in a charge for our committee, should we use it to create a charter? Agree that we only address SB charge items at this time, then reconsider expanding our role via a formal Charter at a later date.

Once again; re: the old energy audit report from J. Barry / Guardian? Does it exist?

## V. Adjournment

Motion by BS at 823pm ...... all in favor.