

MINUTES

ENERGY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2012

4:00 P.M.

GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE STATION

37 STATE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON

- I. Call to Order. Meeting began at 4 pm. Chris Vlcek, Ryan Caruso, Michele DiSimone, Brandee Nelson, Alana Chernila, Joe Sokul, Beth Moser, Jenn Bailly, Nancy Rogers, Diego Gutierrez, and Kaj Huld and Steve Weisman, Peregrine Energy
- II. Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2012 Meeting. Alana moved to approve, Ryan seconded, all approved.
- III. Kick-off Meeting with Energy Consultant, Peregrine
 - a. Introductions made
 - b. Joe reviewed basic assistance he will provide including contract management and billing; he is available to assist on field work. Peregrine will meet at Joe's office tomorrow to review buildings.
 - c. Review of Peregrine Approach, Work Plan, Schedule – Peregrine timeline was reviewed; expectation is end of May date for ERP completion; run ERP and Comprehensive Energy Study (CES) simultaneously; Will send us a trip report in about a week - needs feed back expeditiously; draft ERP in 3.5 weeks (3/16). In parallel discuss implementation issues.
 - d. Energy Plan for Buildings
 - Peregrine analysis of energy reduction potentials – proposal provided some insight but will be relying on us fill in blanks
 - Overview of individual buildings: have implemented lighting changes; currently working on occupancy sensors. May look back to the year

the lighting was changed to see if modification in the Baseline year is beneficial.

- Joe mentioned Mason Library just now commissioned – hoping to see a drop in energy use. Peregrine needs report from consultant Automated Logic.
 - Joe can also provide a list of building equipment to Peregrine.
 - Town Hall – renovation plans can be provided. Electrical system needs to be evaluated. How does Registry of Deeds factor in?
 - WWTP should be included in comp energy document for longer term. Joe notes that DEP has sustainability requirements.
 - Philosophically, how do we reach further and broader than what DOER required? Look for opportunities in the CIP. Merge ERP/CIP. What about life cycle assessment policy?
 - What is current list of buildings? Town Hall, Police Station, Senior Center, WWTP, Pumping Stations, Mason Library, Ramsdell Library, Great Barrington Fire Station, Housatonic Fire Station, Housatonic Community Center, Housatonic School, DPW Garage, Dewey School (District Court), Elmwood, Transfer Station/Recycling.
 - Condition – discussed each building.
 - Schedule of use – discussed each building.
 - Reliability or comfort issues – discussed each building.
 - Capital projects budgeted, planned, or needed – CIP FY 2011 and 2012, and National Grid upgrades should be considered. Get copy of CIP to Peregrine.
 - Efficiency projects completed or of interest discussed
 - Question regarding Stretch Code and Historic Building Status discussed. Note that historic buildings are exempt from the Stretch Code.
 - Audit process – Peregrine will conduct and Committee will give feedback.
- e. 20% Energy Reduction Plan (ERP)
- Review of Criteria 3 Template – discuss proposed Simplified ERP Table of Contents
 - Timeline and Roles
 - Baseline development
 - Vehicles
 - Street Lights – belong to National Grid but Town pays. We will find out cost to purchase, but would need to maintain.
 - Buildings

- IV. Town Energy Policy
 - a. Discussion on Joint Meeting with Ag/Energy/Planning/Select Board – PV on brownfields and roofs – no problem; PV on greenfield is more concerning. Peregrine represents MassCEC. Net metering can occur on private land and Town can purchase if size is 10MW municipal use limit.
 - b. Power purchasing
 - c. Solar development is hard – scale is very hard to develop economically.
- IV. Open Discussion Items – tabled.
- V. Next Meeting Date- Possible Agenda Items. March 21st at 5:45 pm
- VI. Adjournment – Alana moved and Diego seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandee Nelson



