

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL

334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230

Minutes of Energy Committee meeting, 12/10/2014

Called to order at 6 PM. Present: Alana Chernila, Ryan Caruso, Chris Vlcek, Beth Moser, Joe Sokol, Matt Whitmore (from Guardian Energy)

1.) Ryan reported that GB is part of Hampshire Council of Government's municipal aggregation for DPW purchasing.

2.) Green Communities first round grant usage:

Of the first round grant, approx \$110,000 has been spent. Joe is waiting for Guardian to report all expenses, materials used, etc. Once that report is received, Joe expects to file for reimbursement from the state within one month.

Joe Sokol reports that approx. \$30,000 is unspent from the 1st grant. Chris asked Matt whether projects could be identified from the Energy Reduction Plan to apply for the remaining amount. Matt (Guardian) suggested he and Joe visit buildings that might reveal projects that are more applicable for reimbursable work at this time. They are scheduled to meet to meet on Thursday, 12/18.

Matt will talk with the Mason Library HVAC subcontractor with whom he works sometimes, because the system was never commissioned properly. Perhaps this re-commissioning could be tied to a portion of this grant application.

The outstanding grant money must be spent before a second application is made. Deadline for next application is March 2015. Before that, all monies from first round (\$142,700) must be spent, work must be completed, inspection done by state, annual report written, new application written and submitted. Guardian will fill out the payback spreadsheet for next round and Joe will write the narrative.

Because of tight timeline spending of first round monies and planning for second round application must be done simultaneously. The second round application can request up to \$250,000. Police Dept; others include an energy manager system for town hall. Joe's "wish list" includes a new boiler in the town hall and the re-commissioning of the new firehouse. Also, an analysis of conversion from oil to gas for the police station, and better building systems management.

Next meeting set for 01/07/15.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.