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TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE
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FEBRUARY 6, 2014
TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE
SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS
MEMORIAL HALL
7 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Call the meeting to order:** Chairman Michael Brown called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. Present were Michael Brown (MB) and Ed Hermann (EH) consisting of a quorum of the committee. Absent was Sue Dejniak. Also present was support staff Karen Chapman (KC).
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 1/9/14:** EH moved to accept the minutes of 1/9/14 as written. MB seconded with all in favor.
- 3. Update on Energy Conservation Measures:** KC has asked Guardian to handle the weatherization and insulation of Memorial Hall. They are putting together a proposal. Guardian is coordinating with the Water Superintendent and Unutil replacing the pumps at the Main Street and Cross Street pumping stations and adding variable frequency drives.
- 4. Discuss information on correcting baseline energy calculation:** Kelly Brown, our regional coordinator at DOER, suggested we add a dummy facility under the Library/Senior Center and duplicate the usage. KC did this and the results have yet to be shown online as of today.
- 5. Discuss ideas for public meeting topics for the public including information from Unutil:**
MB: talked to people in the field of energy at Soltas Energy (install solar on landfills and Brownfields) for a possible speaker. EH: The least the committee could do is learn about everything available for homeowners and have a talk or an open house. Stacy at library says Feb/Mar is best for programs because

people don't attend once spring is here. EH: wants to talk to neighbor about his solar and having tours of his panels and facilities.

6. Discuss potential street light purchase:

KC talked to Kelly Brown at the State and she said we could replace the bulbs with LED and save money. Committee will work on cost benefit analysis of buying the street lights.

7. Discuss Mass Electric Vehicle Incentive Program:

Met with Police Chief and for a little bit he considered buying electric vehicles but didn't think they would have the power needed for a cruiser. Chief and Deputy can switch their vehicles to electric, but they are not due to replace soon. PHEV: once you run out of electricity the gas kicks in. Program will give a town 5K towards a plugin hybrid or a recharging station. Application is due 2/28.

8. Topics not reasonably expected by the chair 48 hours before the meeting:

Earth Day - do we want to have a table? To discuss at next meeting.

9. Schedule Next Meeting: March 6th

10. Adjourn: EH motioned to adjourn at 8:25pm. MB seconded with all in favor.

Minutes taken by: Karen Chapman