

Atkinson Energy Commission - Regular Public Meeting – February 13, 2018  
Atkinson Town Hall  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

Present: Ellyn Murphy, Marie Torris, & Jim Garrity. Absent: Michelle Veasey. Quorum established.

Minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting

Motion by Ellyn Murphy seconded by Marie Torris to accept the minutes. Passed 3/0/0

1. Community Center cooling/heating heat pumps: update from Ellyn.

The new system for the Banquet Room was installed starting on January 29. The cost of equipment was \$7,800 with just over half coming from the Town building maintenance budget and most of the balance from donations. No funds from the 2016 Energy Warrant article were used.

Noriko is currently testing to see how much energy is used for heating although the original purpose was for cooling. The huge window AC units are no longer needed for the Banquet Room.

**Action Item:**

**Ellyn** to contact Noriko to 1) ask if the installers have advice for the most efficient way to use the unit vis-à-vis the in-basement heating system; 2) determine if the contract for window AC installation and removal can be cancelled given only smaller window units for the side rooms

2. Community Center LED upgrade project:

Jim has checked with Unitil and there are lighting rebates available for 2018. Replacing all fixtures and/or bulbs on the Community Center first floor plus the Exit signs will cost us a little over \$900 net.

Motion by Ellyn Murphy seconded by Marie Torris to move forward with Community Center relighting. Passed 3/0/0

**Action Item:**

**Jim** will submit rebate form to Unitil, contact Bulbs.com to order and then contact Dave Weymouth for installation.

3. Revisit comprehensive list of Energy Efficiency measures and discuss next targets

Marie had contacted Alan Phair since the last AEC meeting but he was busy with Town Deliberation and has not updated this list for completed projects.

**Action Item:**

**Marie** will pare down the list to her selection of approximately the Top Ten energy projects and resend this list to Alan Phair. She may also send the list to Dave W.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Efficient Street Lighting

Ellyn was in touch with Henry Herndon of the NHSEA. NHSEA has been researching the issue of efficient street lighting. NHSEA is hoping that Unitil will adopt as good of a program as Eversource has adopted for changing out inefficient streetlights to LEDs.

**Action Item:**

**Ellyn** to stay in touch with Henry and NHSEA to determine next steps for the Atkinson Energy Commission with the ultimate goal of changing Atkinson street lights.

**Jim** to talk to his contacts at Unitil to see what, if anything, is happening on this topic.

5. Other business...

5a. Courses/webinars

Ellyn shared publicity on some courses and a webinar on energy efficiency.

5b. Additional members for the Energy Commission

**Action Item:**

**Ellyn** to contact Jim Cobb to invite him to join the Energy Commission

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Next meeting: April 10, Tuesday, 7:00pm at Atkinson Town Hall