

Atkinson Energy Commission
Regular Public Meeting
April 9, 2019

Atkinson Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

Present: Ellyn Murphy, Marie Torris, Jim Garrity, Michelle Veasey (via web meeting) and Greg Spero, Selectman liaison. Quorum established.

Minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting: Motion by Marie Torris seconded Ellyn Murphy to accept the minutes. Passed 4/0/0

1. John Dunster, Revision Energy – John presented his analysis of the Town's electric use based on the Unitil bills provided to Revision. He summarized the annual use by building/source and indicated that we use ~327,000 kWh per year. We would need a solar system of 284 KW to cover the whole Town. John analyzed the roof size and orientation for town-owned buildings and concluded that we would need to do a ground-mount system (of approximately 4 acres) near a current meter for connection. He reviewed the proposal that Revision Energy gave to the Kimball Library about two years ago. That system would still work, but only cover a part of the town. A reasonable option would be partial roof solar (Library) plus 2 acres of ground-mount. The Commission discussed possible locations for 2 acres of solar. There was no definitive location and this will be explored further. John also mentioned several bills before the NH legislature that will make solar more attractive/beneficial. Resolution of these bills is expected by June 30th.

Action items: Ellyn to contact Diane Heer to discuss the solar proposal for Kimball Library and plans for use of the back of the 3-5 Academy Avenue lot.

All – determine if there is land that could be used for this solar project

2. Street Lighting – conversion to LED

John Dunster, Revision Energy – John recommended to hold-up on this project for a bit as NH utilities are likely to be doing this conversion on their own. He suggested contacting Unitil and asking them when *they* will be doing this.

3. Street Lighting – town policy
Tabled until next meeting

4. Siemens Energy Performance Contracting

Action Items: Jim will reach out to Tom at Siemens to invite him to present to Dave Cressman, Town Administrator, and us at our next regular meeting on June 11. Jim will also ask for an electronic copy of the presentation Sean Foy gave to Alan Phair last year.

5. Atkinson Building Needs Committee

Michelle suggested that the Energy Commission request a seat on the newly formed Atkinson Building Needs Committee.

Action Item: Ellyn to email to the new committee with this request

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: June 11, Tuesday, 7:00pm at Atkinson Town Hall