

Atkinson Energy Commission - Regular Public Meeting – June 12, 2018  
Atkinson Town Hall  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:03 pm

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

Minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting

Motion by Marie Torris seconded by Ellyn Murphy to accept the minutes. Passed 4/0/0

### 1. Street Lighting

Michelle summarized recent activity:

Henry Herndon (of the NHSEA) has done a quick calculation and estimates that converting streetlights to LEDs can save Atkinson ~\$6K/year out of \$37-41K current payments (~16%). The payback period depends on the cost to make the transition.

Alan Phair signed a release so that Atkinson street lighting data from Unitil can be sent to Affinity Lighting for a more detailed and independent cost/benefit analysis.

Concord – with the highest number of streetlights in the Unitil service area – is making its own arrangements with Unitil. Henry Herndon suggests that the other Unitil towns as a group ask the PUC for either the Eversource rate or for the same deal that Concord will negotiate.

Michelle said that the Atkinson BOS is the final determiner of how we proceed.

Ellyn asked that we not forget about reducing the total number of lights when we proceed with this project.

#### Action Items

Michelle – Coordinate with Affinity to get our data from Unitil.

Jim – contact Don Kreis at the PUC to get his read on this topic.

### 2. Community Center Lighting Upgrade

The individual lights have been replaced. Dave Weymouth will start replacing the fixtures in the next week or two. We received the total bill from Bulbs.com and Jim contacted them so that Unitil gets “billed” for the rebates. We now have **approximately \$1,240 left in the warrant.**

### 3. Energy Project list for town buildings

Marie distributed the latest list she received from Alan Phair. There are some notes we could not understand. Alan joined the meeting later and annotated the printed list with additional projects that are complete. The commission will review this list and determine where to invest more of the warrant money.

### 4. Town Hall HVAC

Short discussion about the two bids to replace the Town Hall HVAC. One bid was almost \$60K while the other was ~\$35K. The geothermal system will still be used with the replaced boiler, heat pump, etc.

## 5. Siemens Energy Performance Contracting

A Siemens rep gave a presentation to Alan Phair about their contracting services. For a fixed amount of money, Siemens would pay the town's energy bills and implement projects for future energy savings. They would keep the difference in the monthly energy payments (resulting from the projects) as their payment for creating the savings.

### Action Item

Alan will arrange a presentation from Siemens to the Selectmen (and Energy Commission) to understand this better and determine the interest from the Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: August 14, Tuesday, 7:00pm at Atkinson Town Hall