

Atkinson Energy Commission
Regular Public Meeting – August 14, 2018
Atkinson Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:12 pm

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

Michelle Veasey – not present

Minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting

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

1. Street Lighting

There was no update available on progress for Affinity to receive our street lighting data from Unutil.

Jim Garrity contacted Don Kreis, consumer advocate at the PUC. Don indicated that the Unutil tariffs are set until 2020 or 2021. He recognizes that street lighting is low-hanging fruit and suggests that we talk to Joe Dorion in the Office of Strategic Initiatives to get the Governor to make this a political issue.

Action Item: Jim to contact Joe Dorion to discuss this.

2. Community Center Lighting Upgrade

There is progress on the lighting upgrade however it is going slowly given the limited days/times that Dave Weymouth has access to the rooms to make the change-outs. Bulbs.com called Jim about receiving the balance (Unutil rebates) but is fine to wait until the project is completed and thus the rebate check is available.

3. Energy Project list for town buildings

The annotated list of energy projects from Alan Phair was reviewed. Many have been completed and/or cost more than the \$1,240 we have remaining from the warrant. We agreed to concentrate on more lighting change-outs.

Action Item – Marie will review the list again and recommend the next project(s)

4. 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.

In June we asked Alan for a presentation from Siemens to the Selectmen and AEC at the same time. Alan would like the AEC to meet with Siemens first and recommend if they should go before the Selectmen.

Action Item – Jim to discuss next steps with Alan and set a meeting as appropriate.

5. SB365 (Biomass power plants) and SB446 (net-metering size increase)

There was a discussion of these two bills that were passed overwhelmingly by the legislature and then vetoed by the governor. NHLES has asked communities to consider sending letters of support for a legislative override of the vetoes. There was no motion to take action on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Next meeting: October 9, Tuesday, 7:00pm at Atkinson Town Hall