

Atkinson Energy Commission
Regular Public Meeting
September 4, 2019

Atkinson Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:06 pm

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

Minutes of the August 7, 2019 meeting: Motion by Michelle Veasey seconded by Marie Torris to accept the minutes. Passed 4/0/0

1. Fire Station Lighting – This project is finished. Jim Garrity contacted Tim Noonis at Unitil and the rebate will be processed. The \$640 rebate will come back to the Energy Commission for Warrant 2016-6. The new balance of warrant 2016-6 is \$640.

2. Town owned land for possible solar – Ellyn Murphy received the list of properties under consideration for the new Police Station: a) East Road lot owned by the State; b) Next to the Town Hall; and c) Main Street near Island Pond Road (their preferred choice). Michelle Veasey and Ellyn Murphy had reviewed all Town-owned properties. Three properties were preliminarily discussed at the meeting: a) lot between Maple Ave and Washington Street (map 9; lot 34-1 5.8 acres); b) East Road (State owned, map 15; lot 29; 9.5 acres); and c) Rick Schafer's land near Route 111 (map20; lot 7; ~80 acres). It is not clear that Rick Schafer's land is available.

Action: * Michelle Veasey to contact Paul Wainwright, chair of the Conservation Commission, to discuss possible locations.

3. Street Lighting –
 - A. Conversion to LED.
Action: * Jim Garrity to contact David Cressman to get an update on his discussions with Unitil.
 - B. Town Policy on new street light installation – Michelle Veasey sent a link to members with a street lighting policy from Henry Herndon of the Local Energy Solutions.
Action – *Jim Garrity to reach out to Sue Killam again to ask about current town street light ordinance.

4. Atkinson Building Needs Committee (BNC) – Ellyn Murphy summarized the survey sub-committee meeting as well as the full BNC meeting the end of August. The survey sub-committee shortened the survey since its initial review. They will also be certain to set appropriate expectations about what might or might not happen as a result of the survey data. The Department Managers survey will be given out at David Cressman's meeting on 9/11.
Actions: * Michelle Veasey to attend the September meeting of the full BNC.
* Ellyn Murphy to contact David Cressman to ask for a formal "Energy Commission seat" on the BNC

5. Saving energy and money – Marie Torris shared a summary of the Unitil and Eversource bills for the beginning of 2019 that she received from Patti. There are not enough months of data for Marie to complete an analysis of savings from warrant 2016-6

Actions – * Marie Torris to contact Patti again to get 2018 electric payments.

* Jim Garrity to contact Mark Lambert, VP Community Relations at Unitil, to ask why Unitil does not export data to the EPA Portfolio Manager

New Business

Ellyn Murphy indicated that Bob Chapman of LED Conversions had contacted her to ask about LED change-outs in Atkinson. Ellyn discouraged him given the conversions we have done recently and that we do them in-house. However, the commission will keep his information in case we decide to do more and to contract for the work.

Motion by Michelle Veasey seconded by Marie Torris to adjourn. 4/0/0
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting: Wed, October 2, 2019, 7:00 pm at Atkinson Town Hall