

Atkinson Energy Commission
Regular Public Meeting
October 2, 2019

Atkinson Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:04 pm

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

Minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting: Motion by Elyn Murphy seconded by Michelle Veasey to accept the minutes. Passed 4/0/0

1. Fire Station Lighting – This project was finished last month. The \$640 rebate from Unitil was deposited back to the Warrant 2016-6.

2. Town owned land for possible solar – Michelle Veasey talked to Paul Wainwright, chair of the Conservation Commission. The AEC and possible location of solar panels are on the agenda of the CC for their November 4 meeting. Paul asked that the Energy Commission attend a Conservation Commission meeting and share our ideas as they relate to conservation. As we consider potential options, we will ask Henry Herndon 1) reconfirm 4 acres -or 2 acres + Library roof -or roofs of 2 buildings; and 2) ask him to walk the lot(s) and give an opinion.

Action: * Michelle Veasey to attend the Conservation Commission meeting on Nov 4.

3. Street Lighting –
 - A. Conversion to LED. Jim Garrity talked with David Cressman who indicates he has an inventory from Unitil (~170-200) but not the depreciation (stranded cost). David Cressman had contacted two companies for quotes to install new street lights.
Action: * Jim Garrity to contact Tim Noonis for depreciation information and costs from Unitil for replacement lighting.
* Elyn Murphy to contact Gary Miller of Unitil's Concord office to ask about the deal that the city of Concord has with Unitil for street lights
 - B. Town Policy on new street light installation – Jim Garrity talked to Sue Killam about planning Board requirements placed on developers of new construction. She said that they don't have requirements. Developers put up lights as they determine it usually for ambience and not necessarily for "street lighting".
Action – Determine how to give recommendations/ requests regarding LED, dark sky, and similar.

4. Atkinson Building Needs Committee (BNC) – Bill Innes has asked the Selectmen to give Energy Commission an official seat on the BNC. The BNC will be meeting with the Selectmen about a study and its funding for immediate needs, 5 year, and 10 year.

Action: * Marie Torris to attend the October meeting of the BNC.

5. Saving energy and money – Marie Torris has a summary of the Unitil and Eversource bills for all of 2017, 2018, and beginning of 2019 from Patti. She is continuing her analysis of Town Hall, Community Center, and Fire Station bills to determine savings from Warrant 2016-6.

Actions – * Marie Torris to continue the analysis.

* Ellyn Murphy to ask Patty for an accounting of charges to warrant 2016-6

* 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

1. Local Energy Solutions conference in Concord, Nov 15. We have 2 complimentary registrations because we are members.

Action - Michelle Veasey and Ellyn Murphy to attend.

2. NH Saves new website for energy audits. https://energyaudit.nhsaves.com/?_ga=2.266220239.1970236034.1570063702-242657729.1459617090

Action We each will go into the website and then publicize the link to town residents

3. Community Power

Action Michelle Veasey to look into this and report on whether we would like to pursue this for Atkinson

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

Next meeting: Wed, November 6, 2019, 7:00 pm at Atkinson Town Hall