

Atkinson Energy Commission
Regular Public Meeting
November 6, 2019

Atkinson Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

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

Minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting: Motion by Ellyn Murphy seconded by Marie Torris to accept the minutes as corrected via email by Michelle Veasey. Passed 3/0/0

1. Town owned land for possible solar – Michelle Veasey met with the Conservation Commission this week. She sent a report in advance of the meeting that there might not be available conservation land on which to put ground-mount solar panels. The Energy Commission will continue to pursue solar for all town buildings but most likely without use of conservation land. We will not be submitting a warrant article for solar for the 2020 Town Meeting.

2. Street Lighting –

A. Conversion to LED. Jim Garrity talked with Mark Lambert, VP Operations Unitil, for depreciation information. Mark will contact Tim Noonis and their accounting folks to get us this information.

Action: * Jim Garrity will recontact Mark if we don't hear back shortly.

B. Town Policy on new street light installation – Tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

3. Atkinson Building Needs Committee (BNC) – Marie Torris attended the October meeting of the BNC. They reviewed progress on the survey of town department heads and plans for a survey of all employees. The BNC will be putting out an RFP for architectural/engineering review of all town buildings. The BOS has approved a seat for the Energy Commission on the BNC. We need to have someone sworn in as the “member” and someone as the alternate.

Action: * Michelle Veasey to be sworn in as the regular BNC member from AEC.

* The alternate AEC member for the BNC to be determined and then sworn in.

4. Saving energy and money – Marie Torris gave her report on the savings in three town buildings since we funded efficient lighting change-outs. Jim Garrity spoke to Mark Lambert, VP Operations Unitil, about accessibility of the EPA Portfolio Manager for tracking energy use and savings. Mark said he would check with their IT group. We can go to MyUnitil.com with town permission, put in the meter numbers and get the information. Then we can export the data to analyze it.

Actions – * Jim Garrity to look into using MyUnitil as described above.

5. 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.

6. NH Saves new website for energy audits.

Tabled for next meeting.

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

7. Municipal Aggregation/ Community Power – no update at this meeting.

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 Ellyn Murphy to adjourn. 3/0/0
Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Next meeting: Wed, December 4, 2019, 6:30 pm at Atkinson Town Hall