

Atkinson Energy Commission
Regular Public Meeting – December 11, 2018

Atkinson Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:15 pm

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

Minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting

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

1. Street Lighting

Michelle still has not yet heard back from Affinity about our Unutil street lighting records. We don't believe that any progress can be made to switch to LED lighting unless/ until the tariff is changed with the PUC.

Ellyn suggested that we move ahead with a plan that was considered several years ago. This includes confirmation that all streetlights paid for by the Town are in working order, are lighting public areas and are necessary. Any unnecessary lights should be considered for removal. Further, there should be wording in the zoning rules for new developments that covers the acceptable number and spacing of lights (for roads that will be accepted as public ways and cause town payment for lights). For existing streets there should be a selectmen's policy and process (e.g. safety committee review) for the installation of new streetlights requested by residents.

Action Item: Michelle to contact SEA and the Rockingham Planning Commission to request sample street lighting policies.

2. Community Center Lighting Upgrade

Bulbs.com has received the rebate check from Unutil. The relamping is virtually done and Dave keeps at it as he can get access to the rooms.

3. Energy Project list for town buildings

Marie talked to Diane Heer who indicated that all efficiency projects have been completed at Kimball Library for now.

Jim walked through the Kimball House (historical society) with Fred Kulik. He confirmed that insulation is needed above the kitchen and in the attic. There may be additional items but those were the areas he saw.

Action Items: Jim to contact Deb DeSimone for Mediation Center walk through
Jim to contact Ted Stewart about the garage
Jim to contact Dave Weymouth about the fire station

4. Siemens Energy Performance Contracting

Jim talked to Sean Foy @ Siemens who confirmed that they work with small towns such as Atkinson. However, Sean will no longer be working in New England so he will refer us to Tom for a meeting in January. Jim also asked Sean for an electronic copy of the presentation he gave to Alan several months ago.

5. Municipal Solar

Discussion about solar installations in Bedford and Milford (in addition to a previous discussion of one in Nottingham). Our hope is that there will be additional state funding for solar for 2019 and that Atkinson might be able to take advantage. This could be either ground mount or roof mount.

Action Item: Michelle will ask Revison to come in to talk to us about solar with no upfront investment from the town. If possible this will be at our next meeting on February 12.

6. NHSEA / Clean Energy NH

The cost for a municipal membership is \$250.

Ellyn made a motion seconded by Michelle for Atkinson to join.

Action Item: Michelle will fill out the application.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting: February 12, Tuesday, 7:00pm at Atkinson Town Hall