

Minutes
York Energy Steering Committee
June 16, 2016 7:00 pm

Location: York Library Wheeler Room

Present: Rozanna Patane, Chair; Wayne Boardman, Stephen Kosacz, Chris Ring, Victoria Simon, Hilary Clark. Also attending: Dean Lessard, DPW Director; community members Jerry Runte, David White.

1. **Minutes May 19** approved with the following amendments: 1) spelling of Gerry Runte's name; 2) Police Building will include a Sally Port for holding cells and garage; 3) School auditorium does not have room in budget for alternative items 1, 2, 3 and 4.
2. **Quick news, quote, or other sharing:**
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **Police Building Committee update** – Stephen - RFP distribution is behind schedule, not yet sent out. Building Committee has not embraced energy efficiency, is not knowledgeable about insulation standards. Holding cells in garage will need heat so should be insulated. There is no thermal break in foundation – footing will have direct connection to exterior and interior floor. Civil Consultants feel this is acceptable. Chris suggests we subscribe to Green Building Advisor so we can share info on energy efficiency.
 - b. **School Auditorium Committee update** – Chris – Building is on budget. We'll break ground the day after school is out. If contingency money isn't used it will go to ceiling insulation. Rozanna: Can Chris estimate operating cost with and without ceiling insulation? Seems like our task is to help Town involve consultants who know energy design. Gerry recommends we look into Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code – requires 20% greater energy efficiency than current building code. Rozanna: Can we get a contractor familiar with this code to do a workshop for Committee Chairs, dept heads? We could include it in the Energy Chapter. Next step: talk to town managers with experience with the MA Stretch Code. *Wayne and Gerry will review this and next month we'll decide if we'll include it in the Energy Chapter.*
 - c. **LED streetlight project update** – Rozanna- Dean Lessard said we can't start the project until the bond for the contingency fund is released. Celtic must extend their contract to Dec 31 and requests another \$5k because of delays by the Town. RFP is drafted but not finished. Still waiting on final Maine rules re: CMP fusing requirement. Dean will place contract extension on July BOS agenda. Dean stated that if CMP must put a breaker on every pole it will be a serious logistical problem. Plan is to do a sample installation so people can see new lights.
 - d. **Solarize Seacoast** – Hilary – Committee is conducting bidder interviews, will choose contractor by June 21. Committee will ask installer to community events. Hilary reports that working with 4 towns has energized Kittery, South Berwick, Eliot and York.
 - e. **Long Sands Bathhouse** – Rozanna and David – Mike Sullivan and architect Ben Walter believe solar is “100% doable.” Building is 3400 SF, roof is 30 X 40 ft, Rozanna estimates a 60 kW solar installation; Bathhouse would use 2 – 3 kwh so most of electricity production would go to offset about 40% of Town Hall's load. Electric load is mostly lights; there will be just 1 year-round bathroom to heat. A PPA would mean no upfront capital cost, a key feature for a limited budget of \$675k. The outstanding question is the future of net metering; a PUC decision is expected in 6 – 12 months. If net metering is changed and the solar panels are installed

before the change, they would be grandfathered. The project is due to start in October.

- f. **Energy Chapter** – Rozanna – BOS wants to cut action items from 49 to 10 to be more manageable, reach out to Budget Committee and School Committee and do a survey. We can see this as phase 1, with phase two being a facilitated process for all stakeholders to create next set of targets and actions. Chapter should contain costs and savings. Planning Board first Public Hearing June 23, second is July 28; joint workshop with PB, BOS July 18.
- g. **Weatherization collaboration with Habitat** – Rozanna – Waiting to hear from Rotary on grant.
- h. **LED Interior Lighting** – Rozanna and Len Loomans – RFP went out. Bids to be received Tuesday June 22 and reviewed Wednesday June 23; recommendation goes to BOS Monday June 27. Project must be completed by August 19.
- i. **Catching the Sun** – Rozanna – No time to pursue showing the film in York.
- j. **Energy use data update** – David White – Has compiled data from Kristie Bolton in York Finance – 600 pages. Step 1 is to update previous spreadsheets in monthly-by-building format. We may be able to include in energy chapter. Second step is ICLEI software input. No info from schools on their electricity and heat from 2010 to present. *Hilary will contact schools' business manager for data.*
- k. **Review of York streetlight policy** – Steve Burns requested we review current policy for compliance with dark-sky standards. *Wayne Boardman will draft exterior dark-sky ordinance.*
- l. **DPW** – Dean Lessard presented to BOS the Waste Management contract renewal in June for 1 year. Rozanna suggested to him that ESC help him form a committee to create a new waste management strategy.

4. **New business**

5. **Adjourned 9:09 pm.**

Submitted by Victoria Simon