

Minutes
York Energy Steering Committee
May 19, 2016 7:00 pm

Location: York Library Wheeler Room

Present: Rozanna Patane, Chair; Wayne Boardman, Stephen Kosacz, Chris Ring, Victoria Simon; Community members Len Loomans, Jerry Runte, David White

1. **Minutes April 21** approved.

2. **Quick news, quote, or other sharing:**

- a. Rozanna reported that several municipalities have put their solar farms on hold because of possible PUC rule changes.
- b. Wayne reported that the Land Trust is negotiating for property off 91 for agricultural use.

3. **Old Business**

- a. **Police Building Committee update** – Stephen attended the Mon May 16 meeting and reviewed the plans. The building will be gutted inside, will spray 4” foam in walls for R21 (could achieve R37 with 5 ½” wall). Cold roof design, suspended ceiling, blow-in cellular for R46. Mechanicals suspended between ceiling and trusses including ducted heat pump. Small back-up propane furnace, diesel-powered back-up generator. Will build 2-bay garage for brining in suspects.
 - i. Stephen and Gerry Runte advocated for more wall and floor insulation and heard from Wayne Martin and Chief Bracy that the RFP will include options for R30 in walls and 4” rather than 2” under entire slab, and will re-use leftover rigid insulation. RFP will go out after Memorial Day, then 3 weeks to get bids.
 - ii. Rozanna suggested that another lesson learned is that we should ask ourselves how we can be helpful by providing specific information to the right decision maker early in the process, get an energy expert involved. Gerry pointed out that we should help get energy plans integrated from the start, and Len added that we should include an economic analysis of what we do that includes life cycle costs not just sticker price (Len’s company does this). Wayne suggested we change the ordinance to include a better standard than LEED. Gerry will research building code standards that we should recommend to modify ordinance.
- b. **School Auditorium Committee update** – Chris – Bids are in, low bid is \$475k over budget. There is a \$400k contingency but can’t be used yet. Energy efficiency items 5,6,7 were eliminated. Doesn’t look good for energy. Skylights will be reduced. LEDs will be used.
- c. **LED streetlight project update** – Rozanna- Celtic Energy is still checking on final status of PUC rules and question of CMP fusing option that could complicate process for bidders. When budget passes we’ll extend Celtic’s contract and get the RFP out.
- d. **Long Sands Bathhouse** – Michael Modern – The Committee want solar, architect is interested. David White and Rozanna will attend May 26 meeting. Preliminary sketch goes to Planning Board June 9 then detailed plan developed for Committee review June 16. Construction should start after Labor Day, finish by winter or Memorial Day. Architect Ben Walter, CWS Architects (bwalter@cesareg.com).

- e. **Energy Chapter** – Rozanna - Planning Board approved April 28 , posted on town website. Public Hearing June 23. Central theme is to integrate energy goals in each Town department and committee; we need a bridge from Comp Plan to annual capital and operating budgets.
- f. **Weatherization collaboration with Habitat** – Rozanna – Grant request went to Rotary district, waiting to hear. Steve Burns said that YCSA and Habitat should put in budget request in fall for next weatherization program; he feels the Town should help. Helping renters is a problem because grant sources don't want to pay for landlord improvements; Rozanna said we will try to meet with apartment building owners and work out an incentive program so they contribute and the grant money helps.
- g. **LED Interior Lighting** – Rozanna and Wayne Boardman have a draft RFP. Steve Burns approved hiring John Branagan to do an inventory to include in RFP and to hire Len Loomans as project supervisor. Must finish project by mid August because of 18-month limit on spending bond money, which was issued in February 2015.
- h. **Catching the Sun** – Rozanna – Steve Burns has authorized us to spend \$250 of FY2016 operating budget to show this film. Rozanna is looking for someone to coordinate it. *Stephen will ask YH Green Team to partner.*
- i. **Energy use data update** – David White will work with ICLEI and Clear Path software.

4. New business

- a. **Review of York streetlight policy** – Steve Burns requested we review current policy for compliance with dark-sky standards. *Wayne Boardman will do.*
- b. **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.

5. Adjourned.

Submitted by Victoria Simon