

## Minutes

York Energy Steering Committee

Dec. 18, 2014; 7:00 pm

Location: York Library

Present: Wayne Boardman, Chair; Victoria Simon, Rozanna Patane, Stephen Kosacz, Nan Graves, Chris Ring, Hillary Clark, Torbert MacDonald

Members of the Public: Garret Bent, Lydia Shaw (student)

1. November minutes approved.

2. RFPs for York Beach Fire Station: energy assessment and lighting

BOS wanted more than the one lighting bid, so further efforts will be made to solicit more bids for January. Town manager did not get the energy assessment on the last Board agenda. Wayne recommends reissuing same RFPs (with dates adjusted) and get bids before BOS for their approval at Jan. 12 meeting.

Lighting - only one bidder, Affinity LED Lighting. They would source lights and contract out the installation and electrical work. A total of approximately 50 lights. Will go back to list of lighting contractors from Efficiency Maine and contact those within 30 miles. If there is interest, we will use existing RFP and schedule a site walk and make bid due the end of the day Jan. 8.

3. Auditorium building committee- Hilary

Extra 250 seats being considered to accommodate the whole student body and staff.

Possibly set up guidelines for smart design so that LEED protocols are followed even if not applying for certification.

Suggest looking at Maine Advanced Buildings Program of Efficiency Maine incentive to build in greater efficiency than building code requires.

Large roof - idea of making that a green roof. Another suggestion was to consider installing a roof-top solar array through a power purchase agreement.

Suggest that the emphasis be on total life cycle cost instead of just construction cost, making it clear that efficiency is a priority.

4. Update on capital planning and budget committee meetings:

We're told that we shouldn't use bond money (\$100,000) for non-capital expenditures like studies. Steve Burns indicated he will put money for studies and non-capital items in the FY 2016 operating budget.

At capital planning meeting for 2016, we did not asking for capital funds. We informed them about potential opportunity to replace all 855 town streetlights with LED fixtures. It would be paid for out of savings they produce. We could save 20% immediately and more when the contract is up. Pemco/Thayer Corp is one company that provides this. They would own and service the fixtures during the contract period (5-10 yrs). This company just completed a similar project at Brunswick Landing.

Budget committee meeting - only disagreement is what is a reasonable payback.

We have offered to present our projects at a future budget committee meeting.

5. Discussion of new Police Station building committee. Stephen has been appointed to the building committee.

6. Solar farm on town landfill:

Rozanna has talked to Revision Energy. We need to do enough research to ask for a feasibility study. One option is to separate it into two parts: Municipal power purchase agreement of 330,000 KW or so. The second part might be a community solar facility where local organizations or residents would be able to buy a share of solar panels at a lower cost per KW, which then comes off their own electric bill. York Community Services is one possibility; they may want to help low income families improve efficiencies using Efficiency Maine programs. York wouldn't be the first Maine community to look into a solar farm arrangement.

7. Fire station monitoring system. It would be a one-time expense of approximately \$1200. ESC may request these funds from the BOS later in the year.

8. York Community Dialogue. Possible Spring conversation on sustainability.

Next regular meeting: Jan. 15.

Minutes submitted by Victoria Simon, edited by Wayne Boardman