

Minutes
York Energy Steering Committee
January 21, 2016

Present: Rozanna Patane, Chair; Wayne Boardman, Hilary Clark; Garrett Bent; Stephen Kosacz; Guest Rich Swietek

News/Updates: Maine now produces 1% of electricity from Solar which triggers a re-evaluation of Net Metering and hook-up charges, PUC will be addressing this.

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Police Building Committee Update: Stephen reported committee wants to get this done, Civil Consultants will do thermal imaging and energy audit of building, already know of insulation deficiencies. Will probably remove interior panels on exterior walls for electric upgrades and spray. It's slab on grade, doubtful that they'll be able to add insulation to slab. Solar: concern was raised about hazardous waste. *Stephen will ask that the same lifecycle standard be applied to all energy alternatives.* This building will not be LEED certified (not required because isn't a new building). Stephen suggested there be a cradle-to-grave analysis of all energy sources that are considered. Civil Consultants will be asked to do this. April is date for RFP.

School Auditorium Committee Update: No report, Chris not present

LED Streetlight project update: The last Capital Committee meeting Nan Graves recommended this project be done over 2 years; there was no-one there to represent the ESC. Rozanna addressed this with the Selectmen and explained that this is being done in a thoughtful way that protects the town's interests, allowing the town to stop the project if the results of the trial streetlights are unacceptable and splitting it into 2 years would not work with ESPC vendors. The Selectmen voted unanimously to go ahead with the project in one year and will share that with the Budget Committee. *Ro and Celtic will proceed with RFP and planning public relations.* The Village redesign will take care of their own lights.

Solarize York project update: Hilary and Stephen met to create a draft RFP to present to Selectmen prior to February 8 when Jennifer Hatch will do a powerpoint. ESC reviewed the RFP and edited it. *Hilary will contact Freeport and Brunswick and ask who was their technical consultant on the interview committee? And who paid for their website? Hilary will call banks and ask about loans available. Ro will contact Deborah McDermott to do a first article and use Rich as our "first interested customer".*

York Beach Fire Station: Ro reported that Ed Henningsen will take final infra-red photos during week of January 25 of completed work.

New Business: Stephen introduced Rich Swietek, marketing consultant. The ESC needs a good, useable website that can allow residents to sign up for the Solarize Program online. Wayne currently manages the York Goes Green website. Brunswick & Freeport have discrete websites for the Solarize programs. Rich explained aspects that need to be considered.

Motion: Hilary made a motion seconded by Stephen to spend up to \$1800 to hire Rich Swietek to work with Wayne Boardman to create a Solarize York website.
PASSED 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Hilary Clark