

Minutes

York Energy Steering Committee

Nov. 13, 2014; 7:00 pm

Location: York Library

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

Members of the Public: Garret Bent, Peter Ashley

1. October minutes approved.

2. York Beach Fire station review:

CMP has not connected yet. RFPs will be presented Monday for lighting and for energy audit. Set for LED replacements. Will last 35 years. Existing fluorescents have mercury and could be hazardous. More \$ up front but overall savings and rebate from Efficiency Maine.

Fire Dept. will take care of any work on drop ceiling grid.

Also includes outside lighting.

Energy audit will include heating, insulation, blower door test, infra-red. "Decision grade" audit essentially will help us decide what to do. Also assess the building for one or more heat pumps.

Wayne will get information on monitoring the PV system. Equipment has been installed to enable monitoring equipment.

2. Capitol plan:

Need to submit a 5 year plan.

Discussion - In addition to cost savings there are many good reasons to go renewable. Grant house pellet boiler; safety of York River, indigenous materials, Maine sourced fuel, low carbon footprint,

For any major project we should have the design finalized before number of dollars. The police station money came first and design was designed to that figure.

We need to have funds for studies, i.e., street lighting inventory and feasibility study of solar farm that would supply 100% of York's municipal electricity.

This year's money to be spent on: York Beach Fire station retrofit, LED lighting for Grant House, Town Hall and Mt. A.

Municipal building update audit to measure the results of work done and what are the next priorities.

LED street inventory to determine how many lights we are leasing and where they are.

3. Northern pass and gas pipelines are an environmental disaster (Torbert). Distributed energy is the only way to go.

4. Monday is Board of Selectmen. Wayne to present.

5. Torbert - There will be an update of the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board sometime this year.

Next meeting: December 18. Minutes submitted by Victoria Simon, edited by Wayne Boardman