

Minutes
York Energy Steering Committee
October 15, 2015, 7:00 PM, York Public Library

Present: Wayne Boardman, Hilary Clark, Torbert MacDonald, Rozanna Patane, Chris Ring, Victoria Simon
Guests: Valerie

1. September 17 minutes approved by unanimous vote.

2. Auditorium

Chris reported that the building height is more than 35 feet, the max in York building code, so there must be another ballot vote for a variance.

3. Energy Chapter

Meetings are completed. Rozanna, Wayne and Charley Steedman will meet to revise the chapter draft. Dylan will help with the format. Planning Board must incorporate it in the Comprehensive Plan process. Board of Selectmen has authority over any policy implications.

4. LED Streetlight.

BOS will vote 10/19/15 to proceed and whether to manage project ourselves or hire turnkey company to design, install, maintain and report on project.

5. Grant House pellet boiler.

Repair work completed 9/24/15 and passed York inspection. State inspection found several deficiencies; Omni will correct them at no cost to York.

6. Capital Budget Process.

Requests submitted by deadline Oct 7. LED Streetlights for FY 2017, Solar Farm on Landfill (solar Farm for FY 2018, placeholder for Weatherization Program for low-income families. Revision is hesitant to install a solar farm on landfill because Maine regulatory environment is uncertain – untested.

Rozanna will present capital requests at Capital Committee 10/29/15; Committee will deliberate and make decisions at their November 19 meeting. Also will meet with Budget Committee Nov 19 to review LED streetlight project.

Revision is doing “Solarize Maine” workshops on bulk-purchase programs in many Maine towns and they’re looking for sites for solar farms. Rozanna will ask Sue Jones of Revision to do a workshop in York.

7. Operating Budget Proposals

ESC voted to approve a total of \$10,000 for (1) a workshop for Town staff, (2) an energy fair for the public, (3) an intern to gather energy use data and establish a benchmarking and reporting process.

8. Next meeting is November 19, 2015.

9. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Victoria Simon.