

MINUTES
York Energy Steering Committee
February 16, 2017

Present: Rozanna Patane, Chair; Wayne Boardman, Hilary Clark, Stephen Kosacz, Chris Ring, Gerry Runte, David White. Guests attending were Quinn Walenta and his mother, Sarah, and Evan Young and his mother, Karen, and Michelle Frietag of the York Schools Horizon Program.

1. **Minutes for January 19, 2017** approved 6-0.

2. **Introducing Quinn and Evan's solar project**

Quinn and Evan are in the Horizon's program working with Michelle Freytag and learning how solar panels work. They were inspired by the panels on the Middle Schools and would like to put PV cells on Coastal Ridge Elementary School. Discussion included battery backup, funding options like a power purchase agreement, and net metering. The Energy Committee recommended talking with the York HS Sustainability Squad and the Camden High School Windplanners, who were the impetus for solar on that school; and suggested talking with Annette Slone Michelle, Elementary Tech Teacher and Coach; and offered our assistance with getting approvals if needed. Gerry Runte will follow up with Dick Bachelder or Julie Enteman on the School Board. Mrs Frietag can be reached at mfreytag@yorkschoools.org

3. **Old business**

a. **Energy Steering Committee Charter.**

Vote to accept the charter as revised at our January 19 meeting was passed 6 – 0.

b. **Police Station - Stephen**

Construction is moving forward. Parking lot lights will be shielded per town ordinance.

c. **LED Streetlight Project - Rozanna**

Dean Lessard, Wayne Boardman and Rozanna Patane held a meeting with Steve Burns and Wendy Anderson to answer their questions about bypassing an RFP and accepting RealTerm Energy's proposal and about financing with a tax-exempt lease (TELF). Attending electronically via GoToMeeting were Chris Lotspeich of Celtic Energy, RealTerm's Paul Vesel, and Municipal Leasing Consultants' Renee Piche, and York's Bond Counsel, Shana Cook Mueller of Bernstein Shur. The meeting went well; Steve concluded that he felt comfortable proceeding with RealTerm if the Selectboard agrees; Shana agreed that the TELF financing would be fine and Wendy sent a follow up email saying that she found the meeting very helpful. Wendy's endorsement will be helpful when we speak to the Selectboard, tentatively scheduled for March 27.

d. **Long Sands Bathhouse – Dave White**

Because the bids were so far over budget the Bathhouse Committee is working with a new contractor to negotiate what can be done within budget. The May deadline won't be met; they hope for fall.

e. **York Beach Fire Station Solar Energy Data Measurement - Dave**

Dave and Wayne Boardman met with Chief Dave Bridges, who gave them the CMP contact to continue discussions of how to measure total energy generated and used, which requires combining the CMP data of net usage and the ReVision data of energy generated and used (not sent to the grid). The Chief expects that the fire station will use all the energy the panels generate in the next 12 months, including heat and air-conditioning. Excess production is no longer automatically credited to another facility; the fire station must allocate a portion of the energy it produces, and the Chief allocated 1%.

Dave explained that the Pease website can be used to determine degree heating days.

f. **Keep York Warm Weatherization Program – Rozanna**

This weatherization program is a collaboration of the ESC with York Community Services, Habitat for Humanity York County, the Rotary Club and Efficiency Maine. The ESC initiated the project and

coordinates the process. To date 11 homes have received energy audits, with 3 remaining to be done; weatherization work will be done in March and April. In addition, 4 rental homes will receive window inserts and the working group will meet with York landlords to discuss the possibility of further work in concert with Efficiency Maine's incentives for multi-unit building owners. Windows will be made on February 25 at the Masonic Lodge in York if anyone would like to volunteer.

g. Energy Steering Committee website – Wayne

Website is mostly planned but cannot go live until Steve Burns issues social media rules for SEC compliance. There is heightened awareness of what can be said publicly because of a recent settlement with the SEC on a 2006 reporting infraction; Rozanna attended a compliance training session on February 6 that was mandatory for department heads and committee chairs. Wayne and Rozanna will continue to work with Chris Hartwell and Rick Swietek so when and if we get approval we will be ready to go live.

h. Energy Fair – Hilary Clark

Hilary will work with Victoria and target the fall for an energy fair in York.

i. Annoucnement

Victoria Simon sent word through Rozanna that she has resigned from the Energy Steering Committee effective immediately. She will be missed!

4. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Dave White