

Minutes
York Energy Steering Committee
November 19, 2015, 7:30 PM, York Public Library

Present: Rozanna Patane, Committee Chair, Hilary Clark, Stephen Kosacz, Torbert MacDonald, Chris Ring, Victoria Simon, Garrett Bent

Note: Rozanna and Committee members attended Budget Committee at 7pm to answer LED Streetlight questions.

1. October 15 minutes approved by unanimous vote.

2. Energy Chapter – Rozanna Patane

Rozanna met with Dylan Smith. Decision was made to place Chapter on November 2016 ballot rather than May 2016. First deadline with Planning Board is end of March; then end of April and end of May. Public Hearing is late June. Comprehensive Plan will probably be totally revamped by professional consultant in two years, so format could change completely.

3. Operating Budget Proposal – Rozanna Patane

ICLEI membership was added (had lapsed). Amended \$13,000 budget was approved unanimously.

4. Police Station – Stephen Kosacz - No update.

5. School Auditorium – Chris Ring

The architectural report says that the plan without enhancements is so energy efficient that no enhancements are necessary. Insulation is R39 in the roof, windows are R4; adding 6" of insulation in the roof would cost \$131,000.

6. LED Streetlights – Rozanna Patane

BOS voted unanimously October 19 to accept project as proposed and to proceed with writing an RFP for an Energy Savings Performance Contract that is either a purchase or a lease arrangement. Celtic Energy will draft the RFP and help us select a vendor. The project will be in the capital plan on the May 2016 ballot. If approved by voters we will be ready to proceed with the project in the summer 2016.

7. Grant House pellet boiler – Rozanna Patane

Omni has corrected deficiencies found by State inspectors at no cost to York. Mike Sullivan reported that the boiler is working. Rozanna will prepare a post-project report for the ESC's annual report. We will revisit the performance at the end of winter and report on how it has done.

8. York Beach Fire Station – Rozanna Patane

Still waiting for Overhead Door to install final glass panel, then will take "after" infra-red photos. Rozanna will prepare post-project report for the ESC's annual report.

9. Other Business:

Eliot, Maine Solar Farm – Rozanna Patane

Rozanna spoke to Eliot Town Manager Dana Lee about their plan to install a 1.25 million kw solar farm on their landfill. Barrington Power is vendor. Dana would like to collaborate with York – they'll share their solar farm experience if we help with their planned LED streetlight project. Public hearing Nov 12 attended by Garrett Bent – Budget Cmtee raised question on Maine law re breaching landfill cap (Garrett has document on law). Their energy committee said having a previous successful project won over voters for the landfill solar farm.

Garrett attended the Business Energy Forum, where Fortunat Mueller of Revision said that the 9-member limit in Maine law is the biggest barrier to solar expansion, and that we need to pass net metering laws to provide a fair financial return to consumers producing more energy than they use.

10. Next meeting is December 17, 2015.

11. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Victoria Simon.