

Minutes - York Energy Steering Committee

May 15, 2014; 7:00 pm

Location: York Library

Present: Wayne Boardman, chair; Nan Graves, Paul McGowan, Hilary Clark, Christopher Ring, Victoria Simon. Community members: Peter Ashley, Rozanna Patane.

1. Approval of April 17, 2014 minutes; accepted as amended; 3-0 with two abstentions.
2. Discussion of May 17 Budget Referendum Article 43 - *Funding for Alternate Energy Solutions and Energy Efficiency*. Some good letters to editor and an editorial; signs are up around town and thanks to Eric Hopkins for finding funding for the signs. Wayne contacted the York Weekly to correct its assertion that \$400,000 had been raised over prior years since it had only been 3 warrants for total of \$300,000. Discussion of need to have specific projects and numbers for next request ready in November for presentation to Capital Planning Committee and Budget Committee.
3. Discussion of some possible future strategies, goals, and methods for the ESC with interested citizen Rozanna Patane. It was recommended that the town hire a facilities manager or contract for these services to provide better maintenance and upgrades of all municipal buildings. Also to oversee building and renovation projects put forward by the ESC. Discussed need to have ESC included in municipal energy and sustainability decisions of all types and to increase visibility of committee. Should ESC ask Selectmen to give committee mandate to develop a comprehensive multi-year sustainability plan? Rozanna expressed interest in helping the committee with strategic planning.
Next steps: At ESC June meeting, create a draft of a broader mission statement closely aligned with the Town's Comprehensive Plan and present it to Selectmen, preferably at an open workshop. Consider including Planning Board as well. Also brainstorm ideas for projects and have members each research one idea as homework.
Torbert brought up the \$5 Million Renewable Energy Prize Opportunity that has a June 30th deadline. He is interested in a multi-town proposal to install LED streetlights.
Wayne will get Comprehensive Plan Town Goal 1.4 wording to committee members. Victoria will send out the latest wording of the mission statement to all members. Wayne will see about getting support through ICLEI membership. Paul and Rozanna will meet to plan for facilitating the group's crystallization of the mission.
4. Update from Nan on her work with Portfolio Manager, the EPA's online energy management and tracking tool. She's been quite busy and hasn't had time to update info yet. She'll do it in July. Will need specific details about various aspects of buildings, number of occupants, computers, etc.
5. Adjourn

Next meeting: June 19th; 2014; 6:30pm

Minutes by Hilary Clark, edited by Wayne Boardman