

**Minutes**  
**York Energy Steering Committee**  
**March 17, 2016 7:00 pm**

Location: York Library Wheeler Room

**Present:** Rozanna Patane, Chair; Victoria Simon, Stephen Kosacz, Wayne Boardman, Hilary Clark, Christopher Ring; David White, member of the public

1. **Minutes February 18** passed as amended for Stephen Kosacz's spelling 5-0
2. **Quick news, quote, or other sharing**
3. **Old Business**
  - a. **Police Building Committee update** – Stephen- missed last meeting, have signed a contract with South Berwick Civil Consultants; are not doing a blower door test, pulling all interior walls & insulation off and will replace; no decision on solar but they'll wire for solar – depends on budget; at schematic stage right now; swapping out boiler system- oil/hot air currently; *Stephen will suggest heat pumps*
  - b. **School Auditorium Committee update** – Chris - Special town vote passed, Planning Board approved it, Board of Appeals next week, Project Manager hired, 8 companies bid, bids may be \$123,000 lower than money; next meeting is next week.
  - c. **LED streetlight project update** – Rozanna- Is Article 62 in the budget; March 28 BOS takes preference vote; budget committee voted 6-0 in favor, will be item 62 on May ballot; Chris Lotspeich and Dean Lessard say not enough time to go out to RFP before May vote; Chris will talk with Municipal Streetlight Coalition for update on rules, especially CMP's fusing right – would mean either use CMP to install or be dependent on their scheduling with our contractor trucks. Goal to have selection process completed by fall.
  - d. **Solarize York** - Hilary – 2/29 Meeting with Board of Selectmen – Board doesn't think it's a good idea for the Town to select a contractor for bulk purchase program. York Weekly article produced 36 people signed up so far. Seacoast Area Renewable Energy Initiative (SEAREI), a Portsmouth non-profit, may sponsor the bulk purchase program for the region. Hilary will meet with Anne Bliss and Bert Cohen, who are forming an umbrella organization of all the Seacoast environmental organizations so they can share resources. Hilary has table at Farmers market Saturday March 19. Len Loomans, Portsmouth solar company, will be technical advisor. [Lenergy2@yahoo.com](mailto:Lenergy2@yahoo.com). Rozanna proposed that socially responsible companies (eg, B Corps) be given value in the selection process.
  - e. **Solar Hot Air** – Hilary – Panels are being sold for \$125 each 3' X 6' – need cleaning, refitting. SEIREI owns them, storing in M Davis barn on York Street. Heat only when sun is out. *Will look for ways to get these to homeowners.*
  - f. **Budget Committee** – ESC \$13,000 budget is Article 22 on ballot, approved unanimously by Budget Committee 3/10/16. *Rozanna will send out to ESC again.*
  - g. **York Beach Fire Station** – Rozanna – *Will send final post-project report with "after" infra-red photos to ESC.* Some confusion about what colors mean; Wayne will look at Ed Henningsen's report.
  - h. **Grant House pellet boiler repair** – Rozanna - *Will send final post-project report to ESC.* Both project reports are back-up to Annual Report.

- i. **Annual Report** – Rozanna – emailed to all ESC members; comments back ASAP, deadline is 3/31.
- j. **Energy Chapter** – Rozanna – Revised draft sent to ESC members. Due to Dylan 3/21, will be reviewed at Planning Board 3/24. Format is history & inventory then strategies in 5 groups. York will hire professional next year to reformat entire Comp Plan so format not paramount. Victoria suggested adding plastics recycling and Wayne suggested an item about developing a dark-sky lighting ordinance that were added to this draft.
- k. **Waste Management Contract** – Torbert reported that the contract expires in June, too late to do something different. The ESC(Victoria) had offered to help Dean with a task force to develop a sustainable waste management strategy but was never contacted.
- l. **Weatherization collaboration with Habitat** – Rozanna met with Michelle Surduval, YCSA & Amy from Habitat and Rotary to work on weatherization in York. Michelle will qualify families, Habitat will put together weatherization program & Rotary has been asked to give \$7,000 towards this fiscal year. CAAP & United Way also have some funds. Unsure how to deal with renters, will try to develop program for next round. Committee's role is to bring parties together, keep process moving forward.
- m. **ClimateSolutionsMe.org** – Stephen gets error messages when entering York data. Utility of site is unclear – intent is to be database of projects in Maine towns but use is low.

#### 4. New business

- a. **David White** – windmills; David worked for TPI in Rhode Island building molds for blades for turbines in China and Turkey. Shared his knowledge. 50-60 meter blades serves 400-500 homes, average 11,000kWh/year. David has submitted his application to be a member of the ESC.

#### 5. Adjourned.

Submitted by Hilary Clark