



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

LOCAL ENERGY COMMITTEE

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Local Energy Committee (LEC) **Minutes for September 6, 2016 meeting**

6:00 PM Nesmith Library

1. Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM
 - a. Attendees: Pat Manzo, Mark Kovacs, and Peter Serian
 - b. Meeting minutes for June 28, 2016 meeting approved following a recommended edit by Dr. Manzoby vote of 3 – 0.
2. Old Business
 - a. Attendees discussed the current electricity contracts with regard to penalties which may accrue to the Town if the Town were to adopt a renewable energy system and use significantly less energy and capacity than identified at the start of the contract. We received some information, via e-mail, from Mr. Matt Rounds, the broker for the SNHRPC consortium, that the penalties could be substantial. By a vote of 3-0, the LEC requests that Mr. Sullivan obtain an opinion from the Town Counsel on whether the current consortium contract imposes a penalty (and the magnitude of that penalty) upon the Town should the Town adopts a solar power system, reduce its grid-provided, electricity consumption and demand, but does not cancel the existing contract for any of its accounts. Mr. Kovacs will present this request to Mr. David Sullivan, the Town administrator
 - b. Mr. Serian requested points of contact for his proposed “walk-through” of the Police and Fire Departments as part of his assessment of the effectiveness of prior energy-reduction measures and his recommendation for additional measures. Dr. Kovacs agreed to contact Mr. Sullivan to inform him of the LEC’s desire to conduct such a “walk-through” and to indicate that Mr. Serian will be contacting him for points-of-contact (POC) for the Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Serian, following initial contact with the appropriate POCs, will schedule a mutually agreeable date for the “walk-through.” Dr. Manzo will likely accompany Mr. Serian on this inspection

visit.

- c. Dr. Kovacs reported that Liberty Utilities , the PUC Staff, the Office of Consumer Affairs and the Town of Pelham had reached an Agreement on issues raised by the PUC Staff in its assessment of Liberty Utilities' petition for bringing natural gas service to Pelham and Windham. Liberty Utilities has requested a hearing date with the PUC to gain approval of the Agreement and its petition for natural gas service for Pelham and Windham.

3. New Business

- a. The LEC discussed the implementation of energy tracking for the Town's buildings. This was a recommendation in the Energy Section of 2015 Master Plan adopted last year. Dr. Manzo will contact the Town's finance director, Mr. Popovici-Muller, to inquire what is currently being done to track the Town's energy usage on a regular basis. The LEC is prepared to assist the Town with establishing an energy monitoring program. Since Mr. Popovici-Muller is Chairman of the Windham School District, Dr. Manzo will inquire what the School District is doing in this regard and whether the LEC could be of assistance,

4. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM by vote of 3-0.