



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

LOCAL ENERGY COMMITTEE

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Local Energy Committee (LEC) Minutes for July 14, 2015 meeting

6:00 PM Nesmith Library

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM
 - a. Attendees: Neelima Gogumalla, Pat Manzo, Matt Rounds, Peter Tousignant and Mark Kovacs
2. Old Business
 - a. June 2 minutes approved by a vote of 4-0-1 following a motion by Matt Rounds seconded by Pat Manzo.
 - b. LEC discussed likely approach for presenting Energy Section to the Planning Board; initial indications from Planning Board were July 29 as presentation date, however this date appears to have slipped according to Planning Board schedule on Town website
 - c. Update on support to WSD - Matt Rounds reported a June 16 meeting with Adam Steel who is interested in having the LEC provide information regarding street light conversion and assisting with energy audit. Mark Kovacs reported he is working with John Pratte, the WSD facility coordinator, in obtaining energy usage by building as input to DOE's Portfolio Manager which could support a later funding request for an energy audit.
 - d. Update on Southern NH Regional Planning Commission electricity purchase activity – Neelima Gogumalla reported meetings with the SNHRPC involving David Sullivan and Matt Rounds. There is strong support by NHRPC members in collaborating in an electrical purchase effort. Neelima and Matt will be attending a SNHRPC meeting on July 30 to confirm the group's interest in moving forward with a purchasing arrangement. Matt Rounds, with his experience in energy procurement, is planning to write the procurement requirements which would be adopted by the SNHRPC. Following the outcome of the July 30 meeting, the LEC will

consider a vote at the next meeting to authorize the LEC's participation in this group procurement process.

- e. Alternate energy sources for Library, Fire and Police buildings – Peter Tousignant reported that the Nesmith Library Trustees have generated an RFP for an upgrade to the Library's HVAC system. Pat Manzo reported an initial consideration of a geothermal-based HVAC system for the Police and Fire Departments indicated a very substantial initial capital investment to implement such a system for either facility. Neelima reported that a capital request is already before the Capital Improvement Committee for both systems. The LEC discussed how the committee might assist the Town as this capital request moves forward.
- f. Update on Town residents who are receiving renewable energy waivers for property tax – Mark Kovacs reported that only 2 households are currently registered for the waiver. Neelima will double-check this number with Rex Norman, the former Town Assessor who is now supporting the Town on a part-time basis.

3. New Business

- a. Possible community solar project with SolarGardens for HighClere and new development on Hawthorne Rd. – Neelima Gogumalla reviewed meetings she has had with the developer and SolarGardens. There appears to be a strong interest on behalf of the developer. Neelima expressed an interest in using this case as a model for encouraging other developers to adopt alternate energy sources during initial construction.

4. Adjournment

- a. Neelima moved and Matt Rounds seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:22 PM. Motion passed 4-0.