



Local Energy Committee Minutes August 15, 2023

6 – 7:45 PM, Nesmith Library & ZOOM

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Attendees: Pat Manzo, Allen Reed, Swapnil Saket, and Mark Kovacs in Conference Room; John Gage, John Klyop and Joel Taft via ZOOM

2. Minutes of July 18, 2023, approved: 5-0

3. Old Business

a. Energy Efficiency Document review by Town counsel – Joel Taft

No word from the Town attorney. Joel has made changes recommended by the Town Building Inspector; he has also prepared a 5-slide, executive summary for the Town Administrator. Joel will attempt to meet with the Town Administrator within a week to seek authorization for publication.

b. Streetlight Upgrade Project – John Klyop and John Gage

This evening we received an updated proposal from Liberty Utilities for replacing 27 current lamps with LED lamps at a cost of \$2907. Also, this evening we received an extensive, printed proposal from Affinity LED Lighting to replace the both the Eversource and Liberty Utilities streetlights. Swapnil will distribute RFP versions of the Affinity proposal to all members and supplement that with some analysis comparing the two proposals in terms of cost, luminosity and wattage of the recommended lamps. Joel reminded us of his earlier conversation with the Police Chief indicating that

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“warmer” color temperature lamps would be acceptable as compared to the “daylight” lamps in terms of public safety. We anticipate having a recommendation to the Town Administrator by our next meeting.

- c. Town attorney review of draft agreement between Community Power Coalition of NH and Town – Allen Reed

Allen reported receiving a statement that the attorney had no issues with the agreement. The Committee will invite Standard Power Inc. to its next meeting to discuss its approach for Community Power Aggregation implementation before making a final recommendation for the agency to assist Windham in implementing a Community Power Program.

4. New business

- a. Recommendation to Town to include solar PV projects in the upcoming CIP. – Mark Kovacs and Pat Manzo

Draft CIP requests for solar systems for the Police and Fire Departments were presented to the Committee. The Committee pointed out some typing errors and recommended that the benefit/justification include reductions in CO₂ production. Mark will arrange meetings with the Fire and Police Chiefs to seek their concurrence on having the Local Energy Committee submit these requests. These discussions should include a recommendation for what future year would best meet Department needs.

- b. Status of Nesmith Library energy supplier – Mark Kovacs

Currently Nesmith uses Constellation Energy as a contracted, third-party energy supplier along with 27 other Town facilities. Unfortunately, the Library receives no credit for energy delivered to the grid by its solar system. Switching back to Eversource as the default supplier would provide credit for energy delivered to the grid. Brian McCarthy, Town Administrator, informed

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the Committee that he has learned through Standard Power Inc. – the broker for the Constellation Energy contract – that the Town can leave the Constellation energy contract and switch back to Eversource without penalty. This should yield annual savings between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

5. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM. (6-0)

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