

## Energy Committee Minutes

September 5, 2017

7:00 – 8:45 PM

Town Hall

Attending: Members Matt Burke, Rebecca Foster, Suzy Hodgson, Deirdre Holmes, and John Quinney.

- 1) The minutes of 8/1/17 with edits, approved.
- 2) In preparation to discuss 2018-2019 budget at selectboard meeting 10/9/17, discuss current budget:
  - a) We have money for an audit of the Fire House and a supplement for the Library
  - b) Educational programming is \$750 (honoraria, travel, and snacks)
  - c) Conferences—we expect to go to Climate Change; VECAN; REV; Better Buildings; State Gov't and Municipalities
  - d) Note: Town doesn't usually want breakdown smaller than \$1000
  - e) Should we have a spreadsheet?
  - f) Budget for 2018-2019: Keep the budget roughly the same but replace library/fire house with funding for the school, either technical or educational, Deirdre is going to investigate and make proposals.
- 3) Library update, Deirdre
  - a) Meeting 8/10 well attended, with architect, engineers, librarians, board; footprint of proposed extension is on wetlands (town green), which is problematic, but new configuration goes south into gardens, which has added benefit of enabling more solar roofs. David and Deirdre will continue to stay involved.
- 4) NEGEF grant, Matt
  - a) The next round is March 15, 2018. Seed grants (\$1000) and grow grants (\$3500).
  - b) Potential projects: town energy coordinator; cooperation/coordination between towns; technical infrastructure such as community-owned solar or EV charging station.
  - c) Plan is to 1) focus on finalizing the energy portion of the TP; 2) out of that we will create a strategic plan with priorities and will understand better what we need funding for.
- 5) Town Plan draft, compliance with Act 174
  - a) Matt still going to the long-range planning meetings at the CCRPC; Jim Donovan is on that group, but question of how he is or isn't bringing back information to the town. RPC is willing to do more but cautious about committing; from their pov it's up to us to write the draft, which they'll review. Rebecca and Matt will meet with Marty to discuss.
- 6) Announcement re PC—Jeff had a stroke; Peter is the chair now; Marty is mindful of energy committee issues.

- 7) Announcement of library discussion series, three sessions re climate change in our community. Readings somewhat futuristic—cli-fi.
- 8) Button-Up Day—did not get to discuss this.
- 9) Review old action items

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Foster