

GRANTHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE



MINUTES

Monday, September 11, 2017-5PM
Grantham Town Building
Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room
300 Route 10 South

The regular meeting of the Grantham Energy Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017 by co-chair Chenevert.

Members Present: Paula Bresnick, Jenna Chenevert, Peggy Martineau, Kristina Burgard and Don Fitzpatrick

Guests Present: none

Approval of June Minutes: Bresnick moved to approve the June minutes and Burgard seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

EV Charging stations: Chenevert & Bresnick informed the Committee that no response has come from Eversource or Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission regarding electric vehicle charging stations in Grantham. The Electric Vehicle Show in Norwich was discussed and the lack of charging stations in our region as compared to other areas further south and east. Burgard informed the Committee she had spoken with Jamie from the New London Energy Committee about their slow progress on their project as well.

Winterization Seminar: Chenevert and Burgard described the pilot program from Vital Communities called Weatherize Upper Valley. They had attended the seminar about this program on September 6th. They spoke about the timeline with a January kick-off and deadlines for each stage of the program. Financial assistance is not based on household income but on how “leaky” the home is.

It will cover 50% of the improvements to a limit and a \$100 home audit voucher if the household qualifies. There is an on-line registration and website to determine if the home fits the parameters for assistance.

The main effort for GEC would be to publicize and outreach follow-up, if the Committee decides to sign on to the program. There is a minimum of three towns in each group required to enroll. The Committee discussed the pros and cons and decided to wait, watch the pilot program's progress and possibly join if another town asks or possibly enroll in the 2019 program. The Committee decided to hold a Button Up forum in May.

Committee member status: Burgard and Fitzpatrick informed the Committee they would not be re-enlisting as volunteer members of the Energy Committee this spring.

New Business:

Other Town Projects: Other possible Town projects were discussed and follow up actions were determined.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the GEC is on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Grantham Town Hall.

Adjournment: Fitzpatrick made a move to adjourn. Bresnick seconded it at 5:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.