

# GRANTHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE



## MINUTES

Monday, October 3, 2016-5PM  
Grantham Town Building  
Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room  
300 Route 10 South

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The regular meeting of the Grantham Energy Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2016 by co-chair Chenevert.

Members Present: Paula Bresnick, Jenna Chenevert, Kristina Burgard, Peggy Martineau, Donald Fitzpatrick, Michael Salo and Andy Gelston

Guests Present: Jay Fountain, Fire Chief and Bill Bender of Solaflect

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

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

Fall Button Up Forum: Chenevert stated the forum was a success with 35 residents attending and positive feedback from Bob Eldridge, the presenter and the audience.

Town Solar Possibilities: Chenevert and Bresnick met with Don McCormick of Norwich Technology to survey the solar possibilities on Town property. Bresnick reported about a covered parking area at the Town Hall, ground mounts on the Rec fields, coverage on both sides of the Fire Station roof and the complete lack of feasibility at the old Dump site for Solar PV arrays. Burgard told the Committee that the Town Administrator would like the GEC, as part of this project, to collect electric rate quotes from various vendors.

New Business:

Presentation from Bill Bender of Solaflect: He spoke about options for battery storage for solar PV structures. He noted the price history of PV Cell in US dollars per watt and said batteries are on the same downward curve. He spoke about the different chemistries and their pros and cons. He gave examples of the way intelligence was being built into energy management systems, like Outback Power's Skybox.

Fire Station Health and Safety Fair: The Committee discussed what could be presented at the Fair on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the GEC is on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Bresnick made a move to adjourn. Gelston seconded it at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.