

GRANTHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE



MINUTES

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Grantham Energy Committee was called to order by co-chair: Jenna Chenevert at 5:00pm.

Members Present: Jenna Chenevert, Paula Bresnick, Kristina Burgard, Mike Salo, Andy Gelston, Don Fitzpatrick

Guests Present: Steve Goldsmith, Jay Fountain

The Committee listened to Steve Goldsmith present information from the latest proposal from Norwich Technology on financing of the solar project. A comparison was shown what the savings and cost would be over time using a PPA and that of a Bond. Steve clearly showed and explained the significant saving for the town using a bond but a PPA is also very attractive and though the savings would not be as great, we still would be doing our part for the environment.

Administrative: Kristina Burgard motioned to accept the minutes of October 3, 2016. Paula Bresnick seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Old Business: Norwich Technologies proposal was discussed. The committee agreed that a decision by the Select Board on whether to pursue the solar proposal was necessary. It is unclear if additional

bids are needed, or what information is required for either funding through a PPA or Bonding the project. It was noted by Jay Fountain, Deputy Fire Chief, that the project may also have to go through the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Kristina will talk to Melissa White to determine the correct way to bring this issue to the Select Board.

Kristina Burgard initiated the discussion regarding the warrant article for Whole House Wood Energy Heating Systems Exemption. After explaining the changes in the wording from last year, she thought it was ready to be presented to the town for inclusion in the 2017 Town Meeting.

New Business: The committee agreed on two possible dates for the winter Residential Heating/HVAC/Biomass info night. The preferred date is February 7 with the alternate date of January 31. Andy Gelston will happily moderate the event. Vendors for the various heating options will be asked to attend to display their products as we did with the solar event, and participate as a panel of experts. Mike, Don and Andy will contact vendors. The Eastman Energy Committee will be asked to Co-sponsor the event.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15. Motion to adjourn was made by Paula Bresnick and seconded by Don Fitzpatrick

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