

GRANTHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE



MINUTES

Monday, June 5, 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 5:03 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2017 by co-chair Chenevert.

Members Present: Paula Bresnick, Jenna Chenevert, Peggy Martineau, Kristina Burgard and Michael Salo

Guests Present: Fire Chief Jay Fountain

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

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

HVAC, High Efficiency and Alternative Heating Seminar: The Committee reviewed the success of the HVAC presentation. Residents appeared to appreciate the content and asked good questions. Melissa White, Town Administrator, asked that the Energy Committee look into viable options for replacing the Town Hall HVAC system. After discussion, it was determined to be an appropriate action, given the Committee's contacts with HVAC companies.

Town Energy Projects: Chenevert said the school has renewed interest in solarizing the School District. They met with Kevin from Norwich Technologies to examine options. A 25 year rate contract would save money. This may possibly nudge the Selectman to explore options for the Town. Also, the Eastman – Clearwater 630 KW project may create an impetus for further discussion with the Selectman about hosting a Public Forum on Solar projects for the Town. It was suggested that Grantham could become the most innovative town in NH.

Jay Fountain noted that the fire station upgrades approved at Town Meeting were progressing. It was decided the Committee would use the summer Town newsletter to give residents information about the remaining solar credits and rebates.

Burgard told the Committee she would update the electric bill history and review them for any savings that could be shared with the Town.

New Business:

Fall projects: The Committee discussed future presentations, including Button Up, Solar, Wood Heat and HVAC. The Committee talked about using the Town's Monkey Survey account to find out residents' interest in upcoming presentations. Burgard mentioned that New London was working on getting an electric car charging station at the State Park & Ride and Grantham might want to piggy back them on getting one for the Grantham site. Other possible sites were the Grantham Greenway or the Irving station.

Summer Schedule: The Committee decided to set the next meeting in August.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the GEC is on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Bistro Nouveau.

Adjournment: Bresnick made a move to adjourn. Salo seconded it at 5:51 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.