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EEC Meeting Minutes February 11, 2015

Present: Charlie Case, , Ben Brickett, Jack Murphy

Guest: Grant Hirst (BOS Liaison), Laurel McEwen (former EEC member)

Call to Order 4:30 PM

A. Approval of December and January Meeting Minutes postponed due to lack of a quorum

B. Energy Education – Laurel joined us to share her thoughts on development of energy education for our schools beyond what the current Maine Energy Education Program (MEEP) provides. As part of the EEC, Laurel was a key participant in creating the Energy Policies and Strategies section of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. She noted that the progress made by the Town in reducing energy usage could well be used as a case study.

C. Status of Solar Phase 2 Project – Meetings with the three bidders for our landfill phase 2 solar project are scheduled for February 17th where we will discuss answers each bidder provided to our questions. We will schedule a meeting with Mary Nash (MSAD35 Superintendant) once we have a clear picture of the long term investment and cost savings for the project.

D. Status of 14/15 Town Energy Capital Budget – Charlie reported that we have fully allocated the 14/15 energy capital budget and that Public Works will cover a small shortfall out of their budget.

E. Status of Police Station Generator – This project is intended to eliminate or reduce the large amount of electricity used by the engine block heater in the Police Station backup generator. It is clear that the generator has a capacity of over 30 KW which is more than we need for Police Station alone. Options were discussed:

1. Replace the generator with a smaller unit that is designed to start cold with no heater and mounts outdoors freeing up needed space in the Police Station garage. Generac is one company that builds a range of backup generators that can do this. Ben has spoken with several local companies that install this type of generator and may invite a representative to join us at our next meeting.

2. Use the existing Police Station generator to power the three Town buildings that are adjacent (Town Hall, Police, Fire). This would have the advantage of providing backup power to the Town Hall, and would mean we would not need to replace the old generator at the Fire Station. However this option does not solve the problem with the electricity used by the engine block heater.

3. Sell the existing 30 KW generator and use the proceeds to replace it with a Generac type of outdoor mounted unit.

F. Communication from York Energy Steering Committee on LED Streetlight Conversion – Charlie reported that the York Energy Steering Committee invited us to learn about their initiative to convert their streetlights to LEDs. We are very interested in learning from York EEC since converting CMP owned street lights won't be easy. We are planning to make this conversion in a few years after we complete current energy reduction projects.

G. EEC Input for Eliot Annual Report due Mar 20th – Charlie reported that he will put together a draft report shortly, but will need the latest inventory data to complete it. Monique is prepared to collect the 13/14 data during her college break in early March. We discussed the report format which is typically just text and doesn't include charts or photos. Charlie will check with Dana to see if an alternate format would be OK.

Adjourned 5:40 PM

Approved Mar 11, 2015

C. A. Case