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EEC Meeting Minutes Mar 11 2015

Present: Charlie Case, Ed Henningsen, Ben Brickett, Monique Lillis, Laurel McEwen, Christine Bennett

Guests: Dana Lee

Call to Order 4:30 PM

Monique explained that time demands at Bowdoin College leave her little time to devote to the EEC, so she has decided to resign. Monique has contributed a great deal and we are sorry to see her move on.

A. December, January and February Meeting Minutes were approved

B. Status of Solar Phase 2 Project

- Meeting with Bidders (Feb 17th 9 – 12) - Dana, Ed and Charlie met with the three bidders and compared technical and cost factors for each. One of the bidders was deemed the best of the three. Dana will find out if their pricing will be valid through 2015. If it is, then Dana will clarify that we will work with that bidder from here on.

- Planned Presentation to BOS and School Admin – We discussed scheduling a joint 15 minute summary presentation to both the BOS and the School Administration plus the School Committee. Dana will contact Mary Nash first. We discussed finding contacts within the schools to provide support – such as Mr Gardner, the Green Club and the Recycling Club.

- Project Schedule – Dana will provide a schedule with a tentative project completion by the end of 2015

- Grant Possibilities for Associated Expenses (Legal, etc) – Ed will look at grant possibilities from Efficiency Maine and the Sierra Club

C. Status of Energy Projects – Dana reported that all energy projects at the Town Garage are complete except for the attic insulation. He expects that effort will start soon. Ben will continue to work with Dana and Chief Short on the best options for a Police Station generator that does not need a block heater, thus saving a significant amount of electricity. Ed will begin planning Fire Station weatherization for 2015/2016.

D. Inventory Update – Charlie presented some 2013/2014 and 2014/2105 electricity usage data which showed that electricity usage went up at the Town Hall despite the energy improvements we already implemented. Dana explained that the ends of the building are colder than the center indicating a heat balancing issue we had not seen before. Employees have been using electric space heaters to maintain an acceptable office temperature. Ed will

review this issue and make recommendations. The data also showed that the sewer pump station electricity is also going up. Dana explained that the pump motors are at the end of their service life and efficiency is likely degrading.

Charlie suggested that we adopt an energy review process that is more frequent that once a year "after the fact". This would allow us to be aware of energy issues as they arise.

E. EEC Input for Eliot Annual Report due Mar 20th – Charlie distributed a draft report. It was suggested that we include cost data for energy projects as it would affect a homeowner's taxes. We also suggested that we include a photo of the Garage solar as part of the report. Charlie will incorporate the changes and submit the report.

Adjourned 6:00 PM

Approved April 8, 2015
C. A. Case