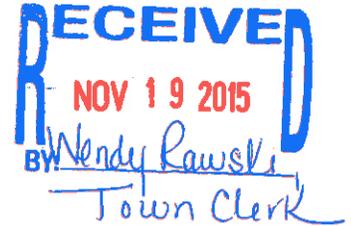


**Eliot Energy Committee
Minutes of October 15, 2015**



Present: Ed Henningston, Laurel McEwen, Christine Bennett, Nick Lillis, Town Manager Dana Lee

Chairmanship:

The Town Manager opened the meeting because there was no sitting Chairperson. He suggested that members nominate one another for the role of Chair for the balance of the fiscal year. The Committee discussed this for a while. Laurel will be away January, February and April, and Ed will be building a house and moving to Gorham, presumably in the spring. Discussion also focused on the need for more people and the need to decide what the future focus of the Committee would be. Ed has focused on weatherization issues, while Laurel's interest may be more along the line of data and education, and Christine may be able to help get grants.

A motion was made the three members be elected as Co-Chairs by Ed. This was seconded by Laurel and so voted 3-0.

Dana indicated that he would draft agendas and send them around for additions / deletions.

Solar Project:

Dana reported that the solar project could be in trouble. The vendor was getting twitchy on our timeline (now to be built out by Dec. 2016) and said his investors would dissipate. Dana also said that the budget forecast, based on a recent workshop, was for a zero budget; not sure how the reserving of \$40k would fit in. He said that the solar presentation was still scheduled for 10/22 and that Charlie would be there and was preparing the handout.

Fire Station Bids:

Dana reported that the combined price of the two projects at the fire station (on-demand water heater and insulation / weatherization) came in at \$26,025 and had been conditionally approved by the BoS subject to getting to total cost down to the budget amount of \$24,000. He reported that Chief Muzerroll was non-plussed by the on-demand water heater price. Ed pointed out that 1) the EEC has and could again donate from their annual committee funding, 2) negotiate \$1k out of insulation price due to "time constraints), 3) postpone the weather stripping \$1,800 or 4) re-bid the on-demand water heater. Dana said he was waiting to hear opinions from Chief.

Strategic Plan:

- 1) Two more years of weatherization projects based on energy audits – mostly Town Hall and Police Dept. (Ed will revamp for 16-17 Budget Submission)
- 2) Looking into the various upcoming options on converting streetlights to LED and even owning the fixtures and poles.
- 3) Further encouraging of SAD 35 to undertake some energy saving measures "Opportunity Statement" (Laurel)
- 4) Continuing to research solar options
- 5) Continue to and improve method of gathering energy usage / cost data (and a repository of all the EEC's information, data, etc. is needed) (Laurel and Nick will research)
- 6) Balancing and improving the heating / cooling at the Town Hall.
- 7) Grant for an LED Sign, to be used for showing energy savings, etc. (Christine will research)

- 8) Discuss building maintenance / upkeep costs; do in-house
- 9) Education and public outreach

Budget:

It was discussed that the EEC would again want a capital budget of \$31,000. \$24,000 for continuing weatherization / energy conservation projects (details coming). They would also be seeking a small operational amount for Festival Day Materials, Copying / Posters, outreach materials, etc. (\$250).

Streetlights:

Ed updated the Committee on his attendance at the Town of York LED Streetlight presentation by a vendor. While there are still “wrinkles” on how this will all play out, it is anticipated that towns will be able to own their own light fixtures, even the poles, and put in energy efficient lighting, but would need a bucket truck to service the lights (CMP does that now). Or a town could contract the maintenance of “their” streetlights, or even outsource the whole thing on a power purchase agreement – buy out.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Ed to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. This was seconded by Laurel and was so voted unanimously.

Approved
Dana K. Lee
