

Eliot Energy Commission

Minutes of April 11, 2018

Present: Al Libbey, Alex Orestis, Christine Bennett, Ed Henningsen, Erika McCreedy, Dana Lee and Selectman John Murphy

1. Ed called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm
2. There were no public comments.
3. Christin made a motion to accept the minutes of March 14, 2018 as written; this was seconded by Al and so voted 5-0.
4. LED RFP: Al discussed the interactions with the vendor Tanko. They are the second company to have actually completed jobs in Maine. The Company "Ten," only bids cities (Portland chose them). Our potential vendors: Re-Vision, RealTerm, Affinity, Tanko, Pemco, CMP (likely highest bid).
5. The RFP will go out after the June vote. Suggested that we give freedom of schedule to install the LEDs. If they want to work in the winter, or wait until spring, would be fine.
6. SAD 35: Ed met with John Caverly of SAD 35 re: LED streetlights. They have only 8 to 10 lights; expressed interest. John has not sent requested info yet. Al asked CMP to reconcile the billed 100 lights vs their count of 113 lights. No response yet. Successful vendor will ultimately have to figure it out. He added that the amount of required insurance is still in play (CMP \$1m vs Me. Tort Claims \$400k). Dana was asked to check again.
7. HVAC Upgrade: Al is going to go over the RFP again. New sewer pumps and new HVAC may affect the size of the solar array. Need to apply for the very max we think we might need; the agreement can scale back, but up.
8. Outreach: The mailers will go out May 4 and three handouts are all ready to go, on website, at Clerk's Counter, etc. Have big poster display in lobby.
9. Highway Ventilation System: Need a meeting with Joel and need to know what funds remain (Dana assigned).
10. Will review our Budget(s) on next agenda
11. Christine warned the commission that she has experienced weird billing issues and asked that Alex (data logging) watch for irregularities / spikes. She believes it stems from smart meter issue. The legislative override needed to beat the Governor's veto did not get passed. Will be an 8% assessment on distribution on on-site solar consumption in July.
12. Dana was asked to check on the electrical consumption of new sewer pumps vs older pumps.
13. Town and CMP agreement – still questions on how much insurance is required / allowed by MMA. Dana asked to check on this. Takes about 30 days normally to get the CMP permit.
14. Ed reviewed the Inactive Projects.
15. With regard to the emergency generator, if we replace the condenser, we would not need a 3-phase generator at town hall. A single phase generator is about \$25,000, vs \$50,000.
16. Next meeting will be on May 9, 2018 at 4:30 pm.
17. Erika made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm; this was seconded by Christine and was so voted 5 – 0.