

Joint Energy and Select Board minutes

Ramsdell Room, Library

February 27, 2018 began at 7:36 PM

Present:

Stan Swiercz, *Chair*; Caitlin Dragun-Bianchi, Alisa Pearson, Tony Rogers, Peter Hepler, John Larsen, Karen Ribeiro, Dan Robb

- **Notetaker Alisa Pearson**
- 2.13.18 Minutes approved
- New Member Welcome: Welcome Caitlin.
- Green Communities Grant has been sent to DOER. Thanks Tony, for leading that. On March 7, the Select Board needs to sign to ask Eversource to refresh the numbers they submitted for this report.
- Annual Report done. Thanks Stan for leading that.
- Community Choice Energy (CCE)
 - Amherst moving forward to submit an authorizing article at Spring Town Meeting, Pelham to submit a reaffirming and expanded article.
 - Inter-municipal Task Force moving ahead
 - Updated Authorizing Resolution: Reviewed existing Community Choice Aggregation article from TM on 10.29.1998 and TM Spring 2017 Article 45, the Climate Change Resolution.
 - Reviewed the proposed 100% renewable resolution and suggested amendments.
 - Reviewed the Community Choice Energy article which affirms and expands the existing Community Choice Aggregation article, stating we will work with other towns to develop a plan for an inter-municipal CCE organization, and that the CCE organization will strive toward increased energy efficiency and local renewable energy.

Voted unanimously to recommend the Select Board submit the **100% renewables resolution to the warrant**. Karen R. to revise.

Voted unanimously to support investigating CCE.

Voted unanimously to submit a **CCE warrant article** for Spring TM, with the understanding that there will be the opportunity to make edits. We will vote on edits at our next meeting, March 6, in time to submit to SB March 7 for inclusion on for Spring TM.

- UMASS Clean Energy Extension research projects: proceeding with a solar inventory of Pelham, Amherst, and Northampton and reviewing existing CCA's in MA.
- Community Center HVAC

- Design Engineer Appropriation: Have quote from R.W. Hall for \$8K+ for the CCP HVAC w/out district heating analysis.
- Discussed the possibility of including district HVAC with the Elementary school and including it in the proposed engineering study.

Voted unanimously to submit a warrant for up-to \$20K for engineering costs for Community Center Pelham (CCP) HVAC replacement including possible district hearing with Pelham Elementary School.

With three warrants on Spring TM, Energy Committee discussed saving voters time by speaking before the meeting begins, like John Trickey has been doing for Town finances and as the EC Chair did in 2017.

- New Business: Discussed the Planning Board's proposed Village Center zoning by-law change. Do not at this time have Zero Energy language to recommend to PB before Spring Town Meeting. The Energy Committee expressed regret that there was not more communication between Energy Committee and the Planning Board. Going forward, the Energy Committee wishes to work more closely with the Planning Board to explore opportunities to incentivize more energy efficient and energy sensitive development in town.
- Next Meeting 3.6.2018

Adjourned at 10 PM