

Pelham Energy Comm Meeting June 5, 2018

Present: Stan Swiercz (chair), Peter Hepler, Alisa Pearson, Daniel Robb, Tony Rogers, John Larsen

Note taker: John Larsen

Called to order: 7:36 pm

Ramsdell Room, Community Building

Minutes for May 1, 2018 approved without amendment on voice vote with John Larsen and Dan Robb abstaining (due to absence)

- Grants for the resilient campus / community center projects.
 - Overall money situation:
 - MVP grant Awarded to Pelham at the full amount of approximately \$137,000(!)
 - Between MVP and META grants town has \$42,500 for solar and building resilience engineering assessment.
 - \$20,000 appropriated by TM for engineering assessment
 - Waiting for Green Communities grant for relamp project
 - We need a Project Manager/Resilience consultant
 - Stan has had initial conversations with some consultants such as the Clean Energy Group, Meister and others involved with the Sterling energy storage project.
 - Need to focus on engineering and analysis so Pelham can go for a Green Communities grant to pay for a new HVAC and other upgrades.
 - Dan expressed some concern that there may be something currently could be wrong with the Community Center and we need to get to the bottom of it quickly. Rick is waiting to see how plans shake out.
 - The committee discussed the best way to coordinate with Rick regarding plans and maintenance of HVAC.
 - Alisa will work through the Select Board to work with Rick
 - We need to start a list of stakeholders to consult such as:
 - Rick (Highway Superintendent)
 - Police Department
 - Fire Department
 - Jodi (Librarian)
 - Library Trustees
 - Director of Facilities (ARPS)
 - **John volunteered** to set up a timeline of milestones, requirements and deadlines with Stan's help.
 - Steps:
 - Need to secure a project manager
 - META grant will pay for structural assessment for Community Center and School
 - Need drawings of original school building. **Dan will go to ARPS to inquire**
 - New ARPS facilities manager is opposed to holes in roofs
 - **Dan will research** PV non-puncture fastening systems and roof reliability of mounted PV systems

- School roof will need to be redone in the near future, PV maybe could be part of the plan.
 - **Stan will investigate** what's required for the school to be folded into the Green Communities program
- We could do structural analysis right away if we want. **Stan will call** Chris Vreeland about availability and costs.
- Alisa moved to define the focus of our analytical efforts on the community center and the school as part of a resilient campus. Peter seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- Moisture study: Alisa will get name to Stan of the engineer.
- Elementary School energy assessment.
 - School has never had one done.
 - Need a commercial capable energy assessor/energy. Stan will refer to DOER list of approved contractors.
 - **Caitlin will call Amherst-Pelham Regional** schools and see what their experience has been.
- Once project manager is in place we will need to conduct additional assessments:
 - Renewable generation assessment
 - Energy storage assessment
 - Essential services assessment
 - Construction of an emergency operations plan
 - Other resilience components (Food, water, hygiene, etc).
- Solar Hot Water Challenge
 - We need to get the word out
 - Committee agreed to post a notice in the next Slate
- CCE:
 - Two task force meetings have occurred.
 - UMASS has assigned a student to assess what's required to do a feasibility study. The student will take on additional projects through the summer.
- Next meeting Tuesday, June 19, 2018 7:30pm
- Adjourn 9:25 PM
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