Pelham Energy Committee

Draft minutes, Jan 8, 2019

Present: Stan Swiercz, Chair; Tony Rogers; John Larsen; Dan Robb; Victoria Deslos (Connect Pelham Task Force Liaison).

Called to order: 7:41 p.m.

Notetaker: Dan Robb.

Minutes: From Dec. 4, 2018, approved unanimously, Robb abstaining.

New Business

Member Search/Succession Planning: Tony reached out to Randall re, perhaps joining. No conclusion reached. Stan Swiercz intends to resign as Energy Committee Chair on March 8.

Connect Pelham Task Force liaison - Victoria Desclos. Desclos says that she is meeting with various boards in Pelham pursuant to following path laid out by article 45 in 2017 May warrant.

Green Communities Grant - LED Relamp

·Status/Additional Installations: Stan reports that he only has one half of invoices for project. Project has been signed off on by Selectboard. There have been many disappointments.

·Final Report Due February 1

MVP Resilient Campus Projects

·Community Center HVAC Design: Elec. Inspctr. Ron Shepherd says that electrical service may have to be upgraded to current code to handle hvac being run by generator in the event of power outage. Says current emergency generator insufficient for new system, would need to be replaced by stand-alone exterior generator of sufficient power.

·Also noted by Bianchini that we may bump up against 30% of total value of building if we go for HVAC system too soon following major roof renovation, which would trigger having to bring entire building up to current code. (This seems unlikely given how far out we are from having HVAC system shovel-ready.) R.W. Hall proposes that it might be possible to do new HVAC for second floor only, leave ground floor served by conventional oil system if money not there for full system immediately.

·Questions to be posed to Dave Waskiewicz (bldg. Inspctr): What is \$ threshold for having to bring entire building up to code? Who determines what valuation of building and projects is? How is difference between capital improvement projects and ongoing maintenance projects determined? Robb says he will ask.

·Question asked if Bianchini will figure in costs in his estimate for new HVAC of bringing electrical service up to code, larger permanent generator,

- ·Voted: Unanimously: To instruct R.W. Hall to move ahead with design for new HVAC system. Tony Rogers will do this, and will request costs for upgraded electrical service and new generator be included in estimates and design.
- ·Community Center Sensors: Rogers has been in touch with WDI Electric in Easthampton re. Electrical sensors in Community Center.
- ·Rogers also now has some very good data from his Temp./Humidity sensors in Community Center
- ·Resilience Consultant Cadmus Group Proposal: Larsen to talk further with Cadmus re.their understanding of the electrical requirements for the proposed resilient campus.

META Grant Fund Balance: \$3,700. Stan wishes to see if design for p.v. installation on shed roof on side of school, or on shelters over parking lot, could be paid for with. Robb to inquire of Coldham-Hartman, whether they might take all or part of this on.

Energy Committee Operating Budget Request

2019 Green Communities Grant - Application due March 8. Stan requests that committee look at Ashburnham materials in preparation for application.

Elementary School Liaison

CCE Update: Stan reports that the task force is in conversation with two consultants to figure out how to do this. Proposal to follow.

Old Business

Next Meeting: Jan 22 nd, Tuesday, 7:30

Adjourned, roughly 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Robb.