Energy Committee Minutes for review: June 4, 2019

Present: Larsen, Daoudi, Swiercz, Pearson  Absent: Rogers and Robb

Minutes: Approved unanimously with edits.

We will defer getting into detail about how to move on both grants until next meeting when Tony is back.

Notetaker: Alisa Pearson

New Membership  Alisa has a call out to possible new member. Stan got a "no". Alisa to continue for next 3 year term.

New Business: Meeting space. Snug up the Community Hall- future project.

CCP HVAC: At this writing, there is 75K of Town money earmarked for the CCP HVAC. MVP funds cannot be spent on fossil fuel gear like a generator.

MVP II: RW Hall update: more engineering for generator electrical needs to be done $4100- ish dollars. They can deliver by and bill before June 30. **Motion and vote to recommend requesting RW Hall do more electrical engineering for the generator and send to the SB for tomorrow's meeting.** John will tell Tony so he can be in touch with RW Hall that we ask for this by June 18.

Green Community grant can be decided July or August.

Looking forward to Tony's sensor data next Tuesday. Always best to get the download in person. Thinking about quorum and future workload: discussion that, if the person reporting is amenable, reports might be sent via email, all in the Bcc to safeguard against discussion. That way, less of the meeting might be spent on reports if meetings are very packed.

Elementary HVAC cost-estimate study from RW Hall is done, should already paid out of MVP II (10K ballpark) we used it to decide to wait on the system for School HVAC. Not this MVP III round.

MVP III Pelham put in for the VRF at CCP and solar canopy on parking lot. If we get Green Community for VRF we can ask to reallocate within resilient campus parameters.

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Another MVP grant round is coming in July. Speaker Deleo also is in favor of a bond bill for adaptation- more about mitigation.

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Outreach

How do we get everyone on board for any plan? FinComm and SB especially. Do we need hearings? General and or with stakeholders like Library Trustees. AP will bring this up with SB tomorrow to see about reserving time possibly on a summer SB agenda for a joint meeting to get everyone up to speed on what is in the works regarding HVAC ad solar.

Thinking about what may be coming up: John to bring the project schedules next week. as laid out in in MVP III proposal and Green Community. That way we can review our to-do lists. In addition, Bianchini is going to give us when the best time to go out to bid etc.

Resilient Campus

Cadmus still asking about usual load- we are trying to get them to think about emergency services. On schedule: June 14 they will give us a draft report and we can call in, then comments (Stan suggested he would make a google doc to collect our feedback?) back by the 20th so that we can get bill under the wire of June 30- we think its about 18K. Question for Karen do we need to get the report in: Stan to summarize expenses and related actions.

Ask SB: Do we need bill and deliverable by June 30?

Energy does not have any last minute outlay suggestions.

If there is $ left, can Town buy something like handpumps for everyone rather than send the money back. Compost drums?

META

PV2 needs to get us the bill, we have until the end of June to submit the META report - Stan will write it- based on their PV2 canopy design and assessment of school and canopy - report will include the structural analysis on this with Chris Vreeland done last year. We should reallocate moisture remediation that Rick spent out of roof money (5K).

School Liaison

Sahar met with Connect Pelham to learn what they do, what their communication channels are- we could use those channels too. Their workshops are very interesting- we might be able to use one of their workshops to get the word out about EC activities.

Connect Pelham is working on a project with the elders and children- film. Elders share their experience about the hurricane and challenges they had at the time.

School liaison- what is needed? Ad hoc basis. Can we lower the heat/cooling as suggested by Ms. Quinley's 5th grade class. Mike Morris and Rupert Roy Clark facility manager are supportive and RR Clark was at the Cadmus walkthrough.
CCA 3.0 (renamed to be in line with national): The two consultants reported that they will have a report in 6 months. Fenn is making a national level report and Grommer is focused on MA. 

**Next CCA meeting is at Ramsdell on June 28, 12:30 -2:30 with Mindy Domb**, whose 25K made it to conference committee- these funds are to help Pelham and Amherst contribute for feasibility study (whatever we do not have grants for. S. Cicarello working with Comerford about CCA too in the senate. Stan pushing CCA to write a mission statement- beyond the simple; reduce carbon emissions. CCA is helping to bring Amherst Council members up to speed. Northampton is just waiting- they are on board- Town employee Wayne Feyden is on the CCA task force. Of the three towns, only Pelham has formalized the planning for this- the other towns would need to vote after the report is in- to proceed. We are probably two years out from implementing CCA. This will be a new beast. AP wonders if SB should therefore move on Community Choice Aggregation- the benefits here are greater than that- each community is doing it's own. This CCA taskforce is helping to build blueprint for a more powerful CCA.

At next meeting set summer schedule.

**Next meeting Tues, July 17 7:30 PM.**

Adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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