

Williamsburg Energy Committee Minutes for March 12, 2021

Members Present: Neal Anderson, Charles Dudek, Paul Fenn, Jim Piermarini,

Others Present: Mary Dudek, Dick Guzowski

Meeting called to order at 4:35PM.

1. **Election of Chair:** Jim Piermarini was elected as Chair, and Neal Anderson will serve as Recording Secretary. Anderson will inform the Town Administrator.
2. **Minutes:** The meeting minutes from February 4, 2021 were approved.
3. **Review of Energy Contracts and Programs:** There was a discussion of contracts that the town currently has with energy suppliers, which are fairly standard and up for renewal soon. The Committee felt that, going forward, the Town should seek terms that are as favorable as possible to the Town and as impactful as possible from an environmental perspective. The Committee will begin gathering information and exploring options, keeping energy security and resiliency considerations in mind as well. Fenn noted that there are ways to link increased choice in solar options to energy efficiency programs, and also noted ways to lower cost of technologies and capital for heating retrofits, and to allow help businesses and homeowners make informed choices about heating and energy efficiency. He will give the Committee a presentation on these topics at an upcoming meeting.
4. **Green Communities:** Mary Dudek noted that Williamsburg is a Green Community and that the new members of the committee should get up to speed on what this means and entails. Piermarini will contact our Green Communities Regional Coordinator Mark Rabinsky about attending a future meeting to review Town responsibilities, grant opportunities, etc.
5. **Tabled Items:** Table LED incentive programs until a future meeting. Jim will present.
6. **Membership Changes:** Dick Guzowski expressed his intention to join the committee, and Charles Dudek will plan to resign when Dick is on board.
7. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 30 at 5:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50PM.