

Williamsburg Energy Committee Minutes for July 20, 2021

Members Present: Neal Anderson, Jim Piermarini (Chair), Dick Guzowski

Others Present: Nick Caccamo (Town Administrator), Mimi Kaplan, Adin Maynard

Called to Order: 5:03 PM.

Minutes: Minutes from June 22, 2021 approved.

1. **Town Administrator:** Visit from Nick Caccamo, the new Town Administrator, to get acquainted, to provide him with an overview of Committee activities and plans, and to hear his thoughts on how we can work together. Piermarini emphasized that the committee has turned over completely in recent months and is now identifying those initiatives on which we will focus. Caccamo mentioned planning for 2050 Net Zero funding from Green Communities, and Piermarini emphasized that this is a shared interest. Another shared interest is the new Public Safety Complex and possibilities for maximizing energy efficiency of the facility. Caccamo will connect with them to see how the Energy Committee can. Potential energy committee members Mimi Kaplan and Adin Maynard joined the discussion. Kaplan noted that if installation of solar panels is not possible now because of budgetary restrictions, then the facility could be built to be solar-ready. Maynard emphasized the value of making the Public Safety Complex energy resilient for public health and safety.
2. **Updates**
 - a. **Municipal Building Energy Audit/EV Review:** Piermarini reviewed committee's efforts to provide Commonwealth Electric access to town buildings for no-cost energy audits. Caccamo requested a memo from the committee to the Select Board to move this process forward, after which he will arrange for access. There was a brief discussion of potential auditors and also of considering readiness for EV charging stations in municipal buildings in the audits.
 - b. **Mass Energy Insights Upcoming Trainings:** Piermarini reminded the committee that we have access to Mass Energy Insights and about these trainings, and noted that committee has access. Kaplan has experience.
3. **Municipal Building Power Aggregation:** Piermarini reviewed and LPVEC Municipal Building Aggregation Pricing Proposal and Town-Wide Colonial/Dynegy Contract. The next step is to develop a recommendation to the Town and plan implementation as necessary. Piermarini described near-term pros and cons of available options. The Committee resolved to recommend that the town opt in to including municipal buildings under the Colonial Power aggregation contract.
4. **Other Business:** The Committee discussed possibilities for meeting (alternating remote and in-person).

Adjourned: 6:15 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 24, 5:00PM.