

Williamsburg Energy Committee

Minutes for July 26, 2021

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

Others Present: Adin Maynard

Called to Order: 5:00 PM

Minutes: Minutes from June 22, 2021 approved.

Energy Considerations for Public Safety Complex: The Committee met specifically to discuss the request for input from the Energy Committee by Kevin Chrobak, architect for the Public Safety Complex. This request was communicated through Town Administrator Caccamo after Caccamo had conveyed the Energy Committee's interest in connecting to the planning process. Chrobak specifically requested Energy Committee recommendations for insulation and building envelope. He also noted that for net zero an estimated 210 PV modules on the south facing slope of the Public Safety Complex roof would be required, and that the roof area is sufficient to accommodate that. Finally, he noted that he was looking into scheduling a heating/cooling engineer for consultations on building systems, expressing a preference for radiant slab in the apparatus bays but open to suggestions for heating/cooling in the administrative wing.

Piermarini reported that he had reached out to Tom Croteau at National Grid and Mark Rabinsky at DOER to see what resources might be available. Rabinsky noted that municipal energy technical assistant grants of up to \$12,500 will be available, but competition will not reopen until fall. (The Energy Committee will revisit.) Croteau is interested in engaging, and believes that National Grid could send third-party energy engineering consultants (LIDOS) to work with Public Safety Complex committee and could do so in short order. He also suspects that National Grid could provide incentives in some areas. Piermarini will pass Croteau's offer on to Caccamo.

The Energy Committee has been invited to next Public Safety Complex committee meeting on Wednesday July 28, 6PM on Zoom. Piermarini will be away then, but will provide info to Caccamo on National Grid's offer.

The committee discussed Maynard's suggestion that the committee develop a statement of guiding principles (e.g. resiliency, economics, adaptability, decarbonization, climate change, Green Community status, future planning) to articulate motivations for committee initiatives.

Adjourned: 5:45PM.

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