

Williamsburg Energy Committee Minutes for September 20, 2021

Members Present: Neal Anderson, Dick Guzowski, Jim Piermarini (Chair), Mimi Kaplan, Adin Maynard

Others Present: None

Called to Order: 5:30 PM

Minutes: Minutes from August 24 meeting amended and approved unanimously.

Update on Energy Audits of Town Buildings: Piermarini reported that he reached out to Joe Palange at Commonwealth Electric about the audit, and the report is still in preparation and will be delivered to the Town when complete. Guzowski was present at the audit for the library, and suggested that, based on his observations, lighting controls with motion sensors might be appropriate for some of the book stacks. The Committee will await the report, and, depending on what is recommended, may apply for Green Communities funding for upgrades. Kaplan noted that Green Communities may even provide assistance for supplementary audits as needed.

Energy Considerations for Public Safety Complex: Dan Bonham has been selected as a liaison to our committee, and Piermarini will reach out invite him to our meetings. There was a discussion about the importance of sustained contact with the Public Safety Complex Committee, both for continued follow up on the Energy Committee's recommendations and to help that committee maximize energy efficiency in ways that are cost-effective, resilient, esthetically pleasing, and that fully address the safety and needs of public safety personnel. Also discussed energy resilience and worker safety. Guzowski and Piermarini will attend Public Safety Complex Committee's meeting this week.

Other Business: There was continued discussion about broadening the scope of the committee to include aspects of sustainability beyond energy. Maynard raised question about how the public can best contact the committee with questions or pointers to information and resources, which led to the question of whether this could be achieved through the Energy Committee's page on the town web site. This segued into a discussion of updating the information on the Energy Committee's web page and using it more effectively for public outreach. Anderson will review the existing content, inquire about options for additional features, solicit suggested content from members, and report back at the next meeting.

Adjourned: 6:45 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 25 at 5:30PM. Regular meetings will generally be held on the 4th Monday of the month thereafter.