

Williamsburg Energy Committee Minutes for December 13, 2021

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

Called to Order: 5:30 PM

Minutes: Minutes from November 15 meeting approved unanimously.

Piermarini reported that Town Administrator Nick Caccamo would like to meet with the Energy Committee in January to discuss Green Community grant proposals and the next deadline for renewal of the aggregation contract. Piermarini will coordinate with Caccamo on a date for arranging this discussion at the next Energy Committee meeting.

Continued Collaboration with Public Safety Complex Building Committee: Guzowski reported that he has been attending the PSCBC meetings, and that PSCBC is working toward finalizing plans for estimates. Iterations are expected. Maynard will reach out to Dan Bonham (PSCBC liaison to Energy Committee) to get an update on status of plans and see how Energy Committee can assist. At upcoming meeting with Town Administrator Nick Caccamo, the Energy Committee will plan to revisit the request for the Town to seek estimates for installation of solar panels and battery storage at the complex now that plans for the building are being finalized.

Town Energy Audits and Green Communities Grant Opportunities: Piermarini reported that he reached back out to Joe Palange at Commonwealth Electric about addressing of issues identified in audit of the Meekins Library building, and Palange suggested that we provide the audits to Green Communities in the form of a grant to address lighting issues. Piermarini also reached out to B2Q, whose audit of town buildings in 2019 had stalled, and they offered to come back to complete the audit at not cost. B2Q will do a brief audit of 1-2 hours each building, review utility bills, prepare a summary memorandum, meet with town to review measures to see if a more formal proposal is in order, and, if there is interest, return for a more detailed audit to collect key information for a Green Communities proposal. The Committee decided to await the January release of information on the next round of Green Communities grant opportunities, discuss with Town Administrator Caccamo at the January meeting, and reach out to Mark Rabinsky as necessary for guidance on going forward.

Citizen Awareness of Mass Save Home Energy Assessments & Audits: Committee discussed creation of a one-pager on opportunities from MassSave and other programs for homeowners. Maynard mentioned that the landscape is changing rapidly and there are very attractive programs on the way.

Other Business: Maynard asked about energy management at the Dunphy School and the tie-in with their HVAC systems. The Committee will discuss this with Town Administrator Caccamo at our January meeting as well, with the objective of keeping any associated needs on our collective radar for potentially relevant grant opportunities.

Adjourned: 6:40 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 24 at 5:30PM (pending availability of Town Administrator Caccamo on that date).