

Williamsburg Energy Committee Minutes for November 15, 2021

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

Others Present: Nick Caccamo (Town Administrator)

Called to Order: 5:30 PM

Minutes: Minutes from October 25 meeting approved unanimously.

Energy Considerations for Public Safety Complex: Guzowski reported on recent developments in the Public Safety Complex Building Committee (PSCBC), including floor plan changes. He will continue to attend meetings and keep the Energy Committee informed. Maynard noted that he contacted the PSCBC a couple of weeks ago about PV and EV but had not received responses. Caccamo reiterated that he will work with both committees on PV for the complex — including solicitation of cost estimates and proposals — once building plans are finalized, which should be around the first of the year. All will watch for grant opportunities that could help to underwrite the cost of solarizing the complex, although such opportunities appear to be sparse at present.

Preparation for Green Communities Annual Report: Caccamo gave the Energy Committee an overview of the current status of the 2021 Green Communities Annual Report, which is essentially complete apart from a remaining narrative section. There was a discussion of topics to highlight, including new projects to pursue, and Caccamo will incorporate committee suggestions into draft and circulate before submission.

Discussion of the annual report led to discussion of related ideas and issues. In reviewing data on the Town's most energy hungry and least energy efficient buildings (Dunphy School and Meekins Library, respectively), the committee discussed the need for more detailed audits that could inform efforts to reduce usage and increase efficiency of those buildings. There was also discussion of possibilities in the near future for electric vehicles that may meet the needs of Town departments, most likely the Police and Highway departments. Caccamo mentioned that there may also be grant opportunities for energy related improvements to the Town Offices in conjunction with an overall historical preservation project. Finally, Maynard suggested the possibility of seeking support for a study of PV for the Dunphy School.

Adjourned: 6:40 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 13 at 5:30PM.