

Williamsburg Energy Committee Minutes for August 22, 2022

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

Others Present: None

Called to Order: 5:35 PM

Minutes: Minutes from July 18 meeting approved unanimously.

Town Aggregation Update: The current pricing contract for Williamsburg's 'Community Choice Power Supply Program' is set to expire on 10/31/22 and the Town Admin & Select Board are reviewing options presented by the Town's contracted power broker, Colonial Power, to execute new contracts. Electric energy prices are set to rise sharply for all available options including the standard National Grid rate. Pricing options were discussed by WEC and feedback will be relayed to the Town Admin, however all decisions will be made final by the Select Board.

Town Building Energy Audits: The Committee discussed how to best facilitate energy audits in the various Town buildings, what types of measures may or may not qualify for Green Communities Grant funding, as well as what roles members of the WEC may be willing to play to help. Piermarini will follow up with Town Admin as well as B2Q, a Mass Save affiliated engineering firm who previously conducted audits at Anne T Dunphy who had offered no cost initial audits for all Town buildings.

Updates from WEC Members: Kaplan engaged past WEC members to solicit ideas on how to best achieve our goals of reducing energy consumption in town, Guzowski engaged Finance Committee members to discuss how such projects may be funded as well as visited the Highway Department building to gauge their interest in energy audits. They were very interested in such audits and welcomed our feedback as to how they may be able to reduce their high energy costs.

Other Business: Pending results of the MVP grant submittal were discussed. Plans to invite past WEC and Finance Committee members to next WEC meeting was discussed.

Adjourned: 6:40 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, September 19 at 5:30 PM.