

Williamsburg Energy Committee Minutes for December 12, 2022

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

Others Present: Mary Dudek, Charles Dudek, Stacey Jenkins (Principal, Anne T. Dunphy School)

Called to Order: 6:30 PM

Minutes: Minutes from November 14 meeting approved unanimously.

META Grant Application for Dunphy School: Anne T. Dunphy School Principal Stacey Jenkins joined the WEC to discuss energy usage at the Dunphy School and the META grant application in preparation. Related discussion items included information sharing, communication, and community engagement as well as responsibility for management of the building facilities (e.g. whether that should be the responsibility of the Town Building Supervisor and if that position is currently filled currently filled). Charles Dudek suggested that a member of the School Committee be looped in on discussions about working together to increase the energy efficiency at the school.

RFP for PV System Design for PSCB: Piermarini recounted that, on behalf of the Joint Solar Working Group for the Public Safety Complex Building, PSCBC Owner's Project Manager Robert Todisco had drafted an RFP for a full PV system design (including battery storage) for the PSC building that would be financed by the recently awarded MVP grant. Piermarini noted further that the Working Group's goal was to have a successful bidder selected by the end of 2022, has received no further communication on this to date. The Joint Solar Working Group consists of Dick Guzowski (WEC), Jim Piermarini (WEC), Bill Sayre (PSCBC), and Paul Wetzel (MVP).

Upcoming Expiration of Colonial Power Contract: The Town's contract with Colonial Power, the Town's power aggregation broker, is up for renewal in January. Piermarini is in discussions with Town administrator Caccamo, and advocates bringing competition into the process. The Committee concurred with this recommendation.

Code Updates: Maynard reiterated that new building codes with important energy components, including changes to stretch codes, will become effective on January 1 with further changes slated for July 1, 2024. He will discuss these in further detail at the next meeting, and the WEC will plan to discuss dissemination of this information at our next meeting.

Other Business: Piermarini noted that he plans to meet with Lauren Mattison at UMass Clean Energy Extension to get an overview of the services they offer to municipalities and will report back. The Committee also discussed the possibility of organizing a small symposium of energy committees in neighboring towns to share information and practice, as well as a public forum

on IRA opportunities for the Town and its residents and businesses. Finally, it was noted that Senator Elect Paul Mark will be at the Ashfield Town Library to discuss EVs, rail transit, and other topics on Saturday, December 17.

Adjourned: 7:45 PM

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM