

Williamsburg Energy Committee Minutes for November 14, 2022

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

Others Present: Mary Dudek, Charles Dudek

Called to Order: 6:30 PM

Minutes: Minutes from October 17 meeting approved unanimously.

PSCBC: Piermarini reported on formation of a joint Solar Working Group of the Public Safety Complex Building Committee and the Energy Committee — Dick Guzowski (WEC), Jim Piermarini (WEC), Bill Sayre (PSCBC), and Paul Wetzel (MVP) — and on Working Group consultation with Owner's Project Manager Robert Todisco. The Working Group is tasked with exploring various options for solarizing the Public Safety Complex with the MVP funding that the Town has been awarded for this purpose, and a decision has been made to move ahead with a full design of the solar system for the complex (including battery storage) that should be available around the end of the year.

Code Updates: Maynard reported that new building codes, including changes to stretch codes, will become effective on January 1, with further changes slated for July 1, 2024. New Home Energy Rating System (HERS) ratings will have to be met in building designs for approval of building permits. Maynard noted that there is an opportunity for an alternative specialized advanced stretch energy code that communities can opt into ahead of July 2024 code earlier, and recommended further thought and consideration. If the Town were to opt in, it would do so via a Town vote and new bylaw. The WEC will discuss further at the next meeting.

Town Building Audit Update: Piermarini reported that he had discussed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds available for in-depth energy audits of Town buildings with Town Administrator Caccamo, and followed up with with Nick C shared that ARPA funding (COVID related) funding is available for in-depth audits of building, and checked in with B2Q for quotes. An audit of Meekins was approved by the Select Board. He also reported on a possible Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grant opportunity for the Dunphy school.

Adjourned: 7:45 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 12 at 6:30 PM