

ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Agenda: Feb. 4, 2019, 5:45 to 7:00 pm
DPW

Voting attending: Todd Kosterman, Colleen Soden, Roger McPeek,

Non-Voting attending: Laura Turenne, Susan McPhee, Fritzie Nace, LeeAnn McGahan, Pete Lawson,

Absent: Karl Rexer, Mark Sassi, Justin Magee, Enzo Rascionato,

1. Minutes from previous meeting 1/7/19: There is not a quorum, defer until next meeting.
2. New Business: VW settlement money: application is due on March 18. 2 new generators will be purchased by the town. One generator will be for the Public Safety Building. It will be replacing an old, diesel-burning generator. To qualify for the grant money, it must be replacing a 2009 or older generator. The other generator is for Town Hall. This generator will not be a replacement; therefore, it may not qualify for grant money. After reading the VW application form, it is not clear as to whether generators, fire engines, ambulances, or street sweepers qualify for grant money. Also, it is not clear if grant money is available if the new engine is not replacing an old engine. *Action Item: Laura to send list of questions to VW.* Questions need to be received by March 4.
3. HeatSmart was briefly discussed for awareness. This is a residential program.
4. Temperature Data Collection from McCall: Sections of the school are particularly hot and others are particularly cold. Susan, Fritzie, and Laura thought it would be useful to obtain temperature readings from several classrooms within the building. At the same time, it was thought that it could be used as an educational opportunity for some of the science classes. However, there is reluctance to get any of the teachers or students involved. Pete suggested that a specific plan needs to be put together with an end goal and then presented to Ellen. *Action Item: Laura to put together an action plan with end goal and send to Ellen and Pete.* Todd suggested that it may be more cost effective to install a stand-alone thermostats to control new hot water heating valves rather than repair the whole pneumatic system. The pneumatics have been broken since at least 2004. RWK recommended recommissioning in 2004, but they said it would not work without completely renovating the entire system. New building wings are added onto McCall without fixing existing systems that are not working. *Action Item: Todd to work with Pete to plan to use one classroom as a test.*
5. Reaching 20% Reduction Goal:

- a. Variable Frequency Drives: They are currently being replaced at Lynch. Pete doesn't have an inventory yet. Defer until next meeting.
 - b. LED small lighting projects: Laura has lighting numbers/pricing for the West Side Fire Station and Wildwood Cemetery. She is still waiting on numbers/pricing for insulating the attic at the cemetery. The Transfer Station Tipping Building is another possible lighting project.
 - c. Water Treatment Plant: On MEI, it appeared as if the costs had doubled or that the town was getting billed twice. However, this is not the case. The water treatment plant used to have TransCanada and Eversource, but it now has Constellation. MEI was not including both TransCanada and Eversource billing amounts; just one of them.
6. Solar update: High School solar project is pending funding for safety railings on the roof. Pete has been in touch with Matt Shortsleeve at Solect about getting to more manageable pricing in order to keep the project moving forward.
7. Community Solar "Anchor" Opportunity: All the projects have filled for the current program. Hold off on any votes until new Select Board in place. *Action Item: Laura to ask Mark for a couple sentences that can be voted on at the next EMC meeting.*
8. Electric minibus for Council of Aging: According to the VW open solicitation form, to qualify for settlement money, a 2009 or older vehicle needs to be replaced. This vehicle is not replacing an existing vehicle. *Action Item: Laura to add to her list of questions for VW.*
9. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11th at 5:45pm