

**ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes: April 8, 2019, 5:45 to 7:00 pm**  
**DPW Conference Room**

Voting attending: Justin Magee, Roger McPeek, Todd Kosterman, Karl Rexer, Colleen Soden, Enzo Rascionato

Non-Voting attending: Laura Turenne, Susan McPhee,

Absent: Pete Lawson, LeeAnn McGahan, Fritzie Nace

1. The 3-11-19 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

2. **New Business:**

- a. Susan McPhee provided an update on WinPower (a residential program). WinPower is in the last year of its contract. Winchester will need to go out to bid before next Jan. The best time to go to bid is mid-May. The Climate Action Advisory Committee has reached out that they would like to increase the amount of renewables. Ms. McPhee provided information on how to maximize the amount of renewables while keeping the rate below the Eversource basic rate. The goal is to keep the prices relatively flat while at the same time increasing the amount of renewables. The previous WinPower contract was for 30 months, but the next contract could be a different length, such as 18 or 36 months. Good Energy is our broker. Eversource gets their summer rates in early May. The Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) is now at 14% (it increases 2% per year and Winchester's goes up +5% compared to base). Residents will automatically roll over to the next contract. There have been instances in other towns where the bid comes back higher than the Eversource basic rate. In this scenario, the town has to discontinue the program and take 2 years off. Note: New residents need to opt in. Ms. McPhee and Ms. Nace are in the process of reaching out to realtors to inform new residents.
- b. Mr. Rexer noted that Mark Sassi is resigning from the Energy Management Committee. He was a Member at Large.
- c. *Action Item: Ms. Turenne will attempt to find out VW funding timing to disseminate to Mr. McPeek of Capital Committee.*

3. **McCall Test Classroom:** *Action Item: Mr. Kosterman to inspect a classroom with Mr. Lawson.* Ms. McPhee and Ms. Turenne have already met with Mr. Sheehan (the Assistant Principal at McCall) to let him know the background of the building and the reasons that a test classroom is needed.

4. **Variable Frequency Drives:** Deferred until next meeting

5. **Spray Foam Attic of Wildwood Cemetery:** Jay Gill said that the Cemetery Trust Fund cannot be used for this purpose and he is looking into alternatives. *Action Item: Ms. Turenne will email Mr. Lawson to determine if additional prep work needs to be completed before the attic is insulated.*

6. **Building Champions Summary:**

- a. Ms. Turenne presented a summary chart of all the public buildings in town with respect to efficiency and use. Ms. Turenne has now met with the Building

Champions at all the schools except at the Mystic School. Ms. Turenne is waiting for the boiler zone work to be completed before meeting with the Building Champion there. Building Champions are either the Principal or the Assistant Principal. Ms. Turenne also invites the custodians to the meetings.

- b. Many of Lincoln's auditorium houselights are burned out, especially around the perimeter. They are not LEDs. This could be a possible future project. A crane (such as a Genie) is needed to change the lights. If the lights were LEDs, they would not have to be changed as often. *Action Item: Ms. Turenne to determine what types of lights are in place currently.* She will email either Mr. Lawson, Mr. Doherty, or Derrek Brown to determine current lighting.
- c. The floors in 6 classrooms of Muraco are very cold because they are on an overhang with no insulation below them. The kindergartners cannot sit comfortably on the floor in the winter. The floor temperature has been measured at 50 degrees F. The principal has looked into insulated carpets. *Action Item: Laura to contact Anchor Insulation to see if it's possible to put a layer of foam insulation underneath as a temporary solution.*

7. **Oil to Gas conversions at Ambrose and Lincoln:** The conversions were supposed to take place the end of June 2018. A week before the scheduled date, National Grid was placed on lockout. The lockout has since ended, but it is taking National Grid a long time to get caught up on schedule. Horizon is holding their price. National Grid has confirmed they will perform the scheduled work the last week of June 2019.

8. **High School Solar Update:** This is for wings A, B, and C. It has passed the Select Board. There will be 2 articles in the next Town Meeting. The high school solar will be tranche 2 or 3. *Action Item: Ms. McPhee will let EMC know which day it will be on Town Meeting so members can go in support.* Mr. Lawson was quoted \$50,000 for the railings (this is down from the original \$80,000). Meg White is in charge of the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes), and she is working with lawyer Kevin Batt.

9. **Community Solar Contracts:** Mr. Rascionato reached out to Mark Sassi to obtain more information on community solar contracts. He is trying to find out the necessary steps involved for a preapproval. He is hoping to receive all the necessary information and to go before the Select Board and the Finance Committee sometime after Town Meeting. There is no urgency since all the available projects are filled for now. *Action Item: Mr. Rascionato will forward Ms. McPhee the link about Lynn, MA. Get FinCom and then Select Board informed so EMC/Town are ready.*

**Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Muraco at 5:45pm.**