

Granby Energy Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 2021 @ 2 p.m.
Old Library, 1 Library Lane

Meeting Minutes

Members: Jay Joyce, Chairman
Robert Camus, Vice Chairman
Lillian Camus, Secretary
Joan Gagne, Member

Absent: Mark Vincelette, Member
Lenny Haflich, Alternate Member

Others:

Call to Order: Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval April 15, 2021 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the April 15, 2021 meeting minutes.
Hearing none,

Motion made by Robert Camus and seconded by Joan Gagne to approve the April 15, 2021 minutes as written. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Administrative:

Jay Joyce announced this will be the last meeting of FY2021 of the Energy Committee. Jay Joyce, Robert Camus, Lillian Camus and Joan Gagne notified Chris Martin/Select Board office that due to personal reasons we will not be continuing on the Committee. We have not heard if anyone else will be appointed to the Committee or if the Committee will cease to exist.

The purpose of our notification to the Select Board office was to give them appropriate time to find replacement members which would continue into FY2022, who could learn the Green Community requirements.

Jay thanked all the current and past members for their hard work. Through the efforts of the Committee approximately \$1.2 million in improvements were made reducing the Town's use of energy by 24.7% since the Town's baseline year. This was accomplished with the Town spending only approximately \$137,00 in in-kind funds related to contract requirements.

Open Action Items:

Create a Short- and Long-Term Plan to Address ECM Findings

- FY20 GC Final report Status
 - The final report has not been submitted as the not all the work has been completed. Upgrading the first -floor lights at the Jr./Sr. High School to motion-sensing LED lights are scheduled to be installed. The Town Administrator is the point of contact.
- FY21 GC Application ECMs
 - The Committee reviewed the list of ECMs. The spreadsheet has been updated and forward to the Town Administrator/Select Board office

Dufresne Park Lights

Upgrading the incandescent lights to LED lights is on the list of ECMs. However, due to storm damage, the insurance company has replaced the lights with incandescent. Any further changes will be addressed by the new Committee and/or Town Administrator/Select Board Office.

MEI Report Requirements

- The current Committee has updated the MEI database. Any further updates will be done by the Town Administrator/Select Board office or their designee.
- Granby's Green Community (GC) Energy Reduction Plan needs to be updated
 - Criterion 3 – Granby Final Energy Reduction Plan and Baseline last revised June 24, 2011
 - Town Energy Reduction Plan
 - Vehicle Policies
 - Safety Complex
 - Jr./Sr. High School
 - East Meadow
 - Library
 - Lillian Camus has sent an e-mail to Mark Rabinsky. We know we will add the 2015 data for the New Library. They will get back to us about what to adjust in the plan, if at all.
 - No response yet from Mark Rabinsky.

New Business

New Vehicle Requests

The School's new vehicle request as reviewed and approved and forwarded to Town Administrator. Subsequently, the new vehicle request was approved by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting.

SolaBlock/DOE Grant

We have asked the SolaBlock representatives to communicate with the Selectboard office (Town Administrator/Select Board) and School Committee to keep them updated as to the status of their grant.

Alternative Measures to Complete LED Lighting

Jay Joyce explained some alternative measures the Town could use to complete the LED lighting upgrades. One such measure would be On Bill Repayment (OBR) involving National Grid who would give the Town incentives and result in savings for the Town. Jay was waiting for further information from National Grid which has been forward to the Town Administrator.

All information has been forward to the Town Administrator/Select Board Office.

Open/New Action Items

None

Old Business

New Committee Members' Search

Jay Joyce announced last October he would be getting off this Committee at the end of this term. The remaining Committee members have also submitted their resignations which will be effective at the end of their term which is June 30, 2021.

Recess

Motion made by Robert Camus and seconded by Joan Gagne to go into recess at 2:27 p.m. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Return from Recess

Motion made by Robert Camus and seconded by Joan Gagne to return from recess at 3:05 p.m. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Jay Joyce clarified Mark Rabinsky is the Green Community Coordinator for Western Massachusetts.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval June 17, 2021 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the June 17, 2021 meeting minutes as amended. Hearing none,

Motion made by Robert Camus and seconded by Joan Gagne to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes as amended. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Robert Camus and seconded Joan Gagne adjourn at 3:16 p.m. Motion carried 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

I, Lillian Camus, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the June 17, 2021 Granby Energy Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Camus, Secretary

Documents review at the meeting:

- April 15, 2021 meeting minutes