

Granby Energy Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2021 @ 3 p.m.
Via Go-To-Meeting

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 3:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval February 19, 2021 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the February 19, 2021. Hearing none,

Motion made by Robert Camus and seconded by Joan Gagne to approve the February 19, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Open Action Items:

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

The Committee reviewed the list of ECMs.

- FY20 GC Final report Status
 - Webinar held February 11, 2021 we decided not to submit our FY20 Green Community Report because we were not going to be able to apply within the timeframe on April 5, 2021.
- FY21 GC Application ECMs
 - The Committee reviewed the list of ECMs but will not submit until the FY20 Report is finalized.
 - We are adjusting some of the ECMs and all requirements are not finalized for the August submission period. We will put this on hold.

Dufresne Park Lights

Addressed in FY21 ECMs. Until we can find out what the insurance company will do we don't know how much of the \$12,000 to do the project is applicable. We will defer to the FY21 ECMs.

MEI Report Requirements

- The Committee will review the current Block One requirements of the GC application to see if they are changing anything we are currently doing. The Committee will review any changes at the next meeting.
- Updated Granby's Green Community (GC) Energy Reduction Plan
 - 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
 - Add New 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.
 - Lil will put New Library in the spreadsheet portion.
 - We won't start creating anything until we know what the new requirements are.

New Business

New Vehicle Requests

The Committee reviewed the new vehicle requests. The Committee only reviews to see if it meets the Green Community Requirements and doesn't give us a penalty.

- Fire Department – 2021 Ford F150 Super Crew XL 4 x 4 4-Wheel Drive

Motion made by Lillian Camus and seconded by Robert Camus to approve the Granby Fire Department's request for a F150 Super Crew XL 4X4 Model Year 2021, 4-wheel drive for the FY2022 budget in accordance with the Green Community Requirements (Criteria 4).

- Council on Aging – 2020 Ford Transit XL 2-Wheel Drive. This is a nonexempt vehicle, weighs more than 8500 pounds, and as such it does not have to meet the MPG defined by the Green Community

Motion made by Lillian Camus and seconded by Robert Camus to approve the Granby Council on Aging's request for a 2020 Ford Transit XL 2-Wheel Drive for the FY2022 budget in accordance with the Green Community Requirements (Criteria 4).

- Police Department – 2022 Ford Interceptor SUV Hybrid All Wheel Drive. This is an exempt vehicle as it is now commercially available. As it is commercially available it must be purchased as a Hybrid which is what they have requested with a combined MPG rating of 24 MPG.

Motion made by Lillian Camus and seconded by Robert Camus to approve the Granby Police Department's request for a 2022 Ford Interceptor SUV Hybrid All-Wheel Drive for the FY2022 budget in accordance with the Green Community Requirements (Criteria 4).

- School – 2020 Ford F350 Regular Cab XL, 4 Wheel Drive, 11.2 MPG. This vehicle is not over 8500 pounds which makes it non-exempt. Additionally, it gets 11.2 MPG. The Green Community Requirements are that a 4-wheel drive pick up truck must get 18 MPG.

Motion made by Lillian Camus and seconded by Robert Camus to deny the School's request for a 2020 F350 Regular Cab XL 4 Wheel Drive for the FY2022 budget in accordance with the Green Community Requirements (Criteria 4).

- Building Facilities Maintenance Department – 2021 Ford F350 Super Duty Pick Up Truck, 4-Wheel Drive. The Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of this vehicle is 14,000 GVW. As the GVW it is more than 8500 lbs, it does not have to meet the MPG defined by the Green Community

Motion made by Lillian Camus and seconded by Robert Camus to approve the Building Facilities Maintenance Department's request for a 2021 Ford F350 Super Duty Pick-Up Truck, 4-Wheel Drive for the FY2022 budget in accordance with the Green Community Requirements (Criteria 4).

- Highway Department – 2021 John Deere Model 5075 4-Wheel Drive Tractor. As this is an off-road vehicle it does not have to meet the MPG defined by the Green Community

Motion made by Lillian Camus and seconded by Robert Camus to approve the Highway Department's request for a 2021 John Deere Model 5075 4-Wheel Drive Tractor the FY2022 budget in accordance with the Green Community Requirements (Criteria 4).

SolaBlock/DOE Grant

Jay Joyce participated in a teleconference with SolaBlock. SolaBlock has submitted their latest phase to the Federal Department of Energy. SolaBlock/Town of Granby is still in the running for a grant.

SolaBlock has made it into the next phase. If you don't get knocked out of a phase you get to go to the next phase. The next phase (5th Phase) is the end of April and will include architectural drawings along with costs.

Review MA DOER Green Community FY21 Grant Application

- Applications will be accepted in two blocks – Spring and Fall 2021
- Grant evaluations will not be made on a rolling basis
- Funding limits on interior lighting projects
- To be eligible for the Spring block of applications
 - All prior Green Community Funds must be spent before applying for a new grant
 - Final grant reports to be submitted before applying for a new grant
 - The FY2020 Annual Report must be submitted before applying for a new grant
 - We submitted ours on November 5, 2020

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 is waiting for further information from National Grid.

We have been approved for the OBR to do the first floor of the School. The paperwork is going to National Grid and Energy Source. Once we get the paperwork back it will go to the Select Board for their signature.

This will do the first floor of the Jr./Sr. Highschool except the locker rooms or bathrooms because we cannot do more than \$100,000 at a time. We will be doing this in conjunction with our Green Community Grants. The state is phasing out lights as an eligible ERM.

Open/New Action Items

None

Old Business*New Committee Members' Search*

The Committee still looking for additional members. Jay Joyce announced last October he would be getting off this Committee at the end of this term. The

This Committee needs new members. It would be better if any new members would be attending the meetings so they can learn.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Robert Camus and seconded Joan Gagne adjourn at 3:44 p.m. Motion carried 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

I, Lillian Camus, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the March 18, 2021 Granby Energy Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Lillian Camus, Secretary

Documents review at the meeting:

- February 19, 2021 meeting minutes
- New Vehicle Requests