

Granby Energy Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 2018 @ 5:30 pm
Public Safety Complex, 259-A East State Street – Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members: Jay Joyce (Chairman)
Lillian Camus (Secretary)
Robert Camus
Maria LaFleche

Absent: Lenny Haflich

Call to Order: Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of May 24, 2018 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the May 24, 2018 minutes. Hearing none,

Motion was made by Robert Camus and seconded by Maria LaFleche to approve the May 24, 2018 minutes. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Open Action Items:

FY2018 Green Community Grant (GC) Application

Jay Joyce reported on the FY2018 Green Community Grant (GC) application. They are waiting for the VW settlement. We should have a decision by the end of this month.

Create a Short & Long-Term Plan to address ECM Findings

The Short-Term ECM Plan is the FY2018 Green Community Grant Application which we are waiting for a decision.

The Long-Term ECM Plan is to be determined after the MA DOER releases funded ECMs.

Draft Jr.\Sr. High School Building ECM+ Master Plan

This will be determined after MA DOER releases the funded ECMs.

Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program

Jay Joyce brought the Committee up-to-date. Jay attended a roundtable meeting with the Energy and Environmental Affairs secretary. The program is in the hands of the state attorneys. They are looking to see if it's legal to divide the money between the private property owners and municipalities.

Another obstacle is sparsely populated Granby that needs an upgrade to the National Grid substation to handle more power in Granby.

New Library

Chris Martin has an action item to get us a copy of the energy reduction plan.

DEP Electronic Vehicle (EV) Charger Grant

Public Safety Complex will have to be privately owned for safety issues. The grant is for public access only.

The East Meadow School's LEED certification requires 4 EV charging stations based on the number of parking stations they have at the school. They will get two dual model 3704 – similar to what is at the COA. The COA is a workplace grant so only town employees can use it. The school EV charging station will be available for the public who will pay for the electricity through credit cards.

The school is paying for the installation and electric vehicle charger unit out of their grant money. Jason Rocca will do the installation and is certified by the manufacturer to do the installation.

2018 First Quarter Report for Board of Selectmen

Jay Joyce reviewed the 2018 First Quarter Report to be submitted to the Selectmen.

Motion was made by Robert Camus and seconded by Maria LaFleche to accept the 2018 first quarter report as written. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

New Business

Reestablish Committee Members

Jay Joyce discussed the opportunity for the members to reorganize at next month's meeting or keep it the same.

MVP Grant Status

Jay Joyce is in the process of creating the Municipal Vulnerability Plan (MVP) report. The Governor and Lt. Governor are behind this. The state has had six 100-year incidents in the last 10 years. The first year they are funding a study of our town which includes all the surface water as far as the flood plains and answering questions such as can the bridges and dams and culverts handle the water. In addition, they have found through studies that the ground water table in Western Mass is rising. They have a concern those who do not have sewers might have their wells contaminated.

The grant we submitted has been approved. The first year all they are doing for us is a study. They will create a list of all the vulnerable areas. Our list will be included into a larger list of all the other towns in the state. The areas with the most urgent need will be addressed first. The projects will not have a monetary cap.

META Grant Application

Jay Joyce is in the process of creating the report. PVPC will make out the application for us.

If not installed by FY2018 Green Community Grant,

Motion was made by Lillian Camus and seconded by Robert Camus to recommend, if a second meta grant is possible based on the grant eligibility requirements we include **a qualifying study to determine efficacy and scope of building retro-commissioning for municipal facilities over 20,000 square feet** for the Public Safety Complex. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Motion was made by Robert Camus and seconded by Maria LaFleche to recommend the **heating system conversion engineering study and/or bid specification** for the Jr./Sr. High School provided the Town Administrator and School Administrator want to submit the application. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Jay pointed out the Eligibility section of the META grant application states in part, “all regional school districts, water/wastewater districts and municipal light plants are also eligible to apply for grants under this PON.”

Jay will contact PVPC to research if any other towns have received both a school district and a town META grant.

Motion was made by Lillian Camus and seconded by Robert Camus to recommend, if a second meta grant is possible based on the grant eligibility requirements, we include **consultant support to apply International Performance Measurement & Verification Protocol (IPMVP) to Green Community energy usage data for communities with the following circumstances – newly functioning ventilation; and/or significant changes in operating hours** as the Town will no longer be paying rent on the annex and moving the departments to the Carnegie Building. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

These minutes will be updated if Jay Joyce received a response from PVPC regarding the possibility of receiving both a school district and town grant is received prior to the minutes being distributed.

UPDATE: Per Jim Barry at the MA DOER, regional school districts can apply. Granby schools do not qualify as regional school districts.

Old Business

The FY 2017 Agendas, Meeting Minutes and Reports are on Cathy Leonard's list to be posted to Town of Granby Webpage.

Next Meeting

The next two scheduled meetings will be

- Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the New Library
- August 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the New Library.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Bob Camus and seconded by Maria LaFleche to adjourn at 6:51 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 21, 2018 Granby Energy Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Camus
Secretary