

Granby Energy Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 19, 2018 @ 5:30 pm
New Library, 297 East State Street – Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members: Jay Joyce, Chairman
Lillian Camus, Secretary
Robert Camus

Absent: Lenny Haflich
Maria LaFleche
Jeffery Skelskie, Alternate
Mark Vincelette, Alternate

Call to Order: Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

NOTE: The Town's computers were down due to a lightening strike. As a result, the agenda was not able to be posted in the required 48 hours prior to the meeting date. The Granby Energy Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting but delay voting on anything until their next meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of June 21, 2018 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the June 21, 2018 minutes. Approval of the minutes were postponed until the August meeting.

Open Action Items:

FY2018 Green Community Grant (GC) Application

We will find out tomorrow what the decision is on the FY2018 Green Community Grant application.

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

At the last Selectboard meeting a moratorium was put on solar systems over 250 kw in the Town for one year, expiring 30 June 2019.

New Library – Need to add to Energy Reduction Plan (ERP)

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

DEP Electronic Vehicle (EV) Charger Station Status

The foundations for the EV chargers and bollards at the East Meadow school have been installed. The EV chargers will be delivered next Tuesday and installed possibly by Friday.

2018 Second Quarter Report for Board of Selectmen

Review of the 2018 Second Quarter Report was postponed to the August meeting.

MVP Grant Status

We have received a contract from the State. We are waiting on PVPC as consultants to move forward with the project.

META Grant Application

The window to submit an application was today at 9 a.m. Jay Joyce submitted the application and received a return receipt at 9:17 a.m.

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.

Comprehensive Energy Plan Stakeholder Meeting

Jay Joyce and Bob Camus attended the Comprehensive Energy Plan Stakeholder Meeting today. The purpose of the meeting was to brief attendees on the State's Comprehensive Energy Plan and obtain input from the attendees. The goals of the plan are going out to 2030. The final plan will be released by Mass DOER in September 2018.

Some information discussed at the meeting:

- Heating and cooling costs since the start of Green Community for residential has gone down 25% in Massachusetts under the Mass DOER assistance program. Commercial has gone up 40% partly because of economic growth in the Eastern part of the State.
- Mass DOER anticipates the electric usage will increase as EV demand increases. Fossil fuels will dramatically decrease. For example, an EV can go three times as far on the same amount of energy as a fossil fuel car.

- By 2030 the goal is 50% of all electricity used in Massachusetts will renewable. Governor Baker signed a bill that by 2020 the state will be producing enough energy (electric) to be self-sufficient.
- Jay Joyce suggested at the meeting the SMART program requirements need to be changed to be friendlier to municipalities. A split of 75% municipalities and 25% private to keep the revenue within the state.
- Currently, 85% of the revenue produced by solar development companies is leaving the state.
- Michael Judge is in charge of the SMART program in the state.

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, August 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the New Library
- Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the New Library.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Robert Camus and seconded by Lillian Camus to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.
Motion carried 3 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

I, Lillian Camus, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the July 19, 2018 Granby Energy Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Camus
Secretary