

ENERGY COMMITTEE
January 20, 2021
Via Zoom
Regular Meeting Corrected Minutes

Members Present via ZOOM:

Chairman Chris Ehlert, Richard White, Darlene Briggs, Gary Gavigan and Jill Brainerd.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ehlert at 4:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2020:

Upon a motion by Richard White, seconded by Darlene Briggs, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 Meeting, as amended.

Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2020:

Upon a motion by Bill Fish, seconded by Gary Gavigan, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 Meeting, as amended.

Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman:

Upon a motion by Richard White, seconded by Gary Gavigan, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to appoint Chris Ehlert as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Energy Committee for 2021.

Richard White made a motion to appoint Darlene Briggs as Vice Chairman of the Ad Hoc Energy Committee for 2021. Ms. Briggs, there was no second to the motion.

A motion was made by Darlene Briggs and seconded by Gary Gavigan to:

Appoint Richard White as Vice Chairman of the Ad Hoc Energy Committee for 2021. Mr. White declined the appointment so no vote was taken.

Upon a motion by Richard White, seconded by Gary Gavigan, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to table the appointment of Vice Chairman until the next meeting.

Virtual Net-Metering Results to date:

Chairman Ehlert stated that he has not received a report from Lesley Wysocki or Donna Castracane. Jill Brainerd stated that she just received a bill and the cost is going up instead of down. There was an increase in usage. Gary Gavigan reminded everyone about the January 1, 2021 increase in billing. Chairman Ehlert also stated that Day Light Savings Time (less daylight hours) and the weather pattern may also be affecting the cost. At this time, no one is analyzing the usage and the costs. Jill Brainerd stated that Ms. Castracane is drafting some type of spread sheet. Chairman Ehlert stated he would contact Ms. Castracane. Jill Brainerd stated that she was willing to monitor the usage and cost for the Town Hall. Chairman Ehlert stated that we need to find out why the usage is going up when there are not any night meetings and all Park & Rec and Senior Center activities are not being held. Chairman Ehlert will contact Lesley Wysocki and Donna Castracane for an update on the results for VNM.

Update Library Lighting Upgrade:

Jill Brainerd stated that the work has begun and that they are waiting for another shipment from Electrical Wholesalers. Chris Ehlert asked Jill to get an update from Mr. Kellogg. Ms. Brainerd stated that there is a lot going on at the library at this time.

Potential Solar Project – Mulvey Municipal Center:

Jill Brainerd stated the roof replacement at the Mulvey Municipal Center is currently at a stand-still. The Riggio Building roof is completed. Chairman Ehlert stated that if and when the roof is replaced on the Mulvey Municipal Center and a Solar Array were to be installed, it would make the building net zero between credits and the solar array. A solar array will also prolong the life of the roof.

Committee Member Updates:

- Chairman Ehlert gave an update on the Street Light Project. He has reached out to DPW to see how things are progressing, but has not heard back from them as of yet. .
- Gary Gavigan stated that he doesn't feel that an ordinance regarding the installation of street lights would benefit this committee in any way and should remain under Planning and Zoning.

Approval of Bills:

Upon a motion by Richard White, seconded by Gary Gavigan, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of the following bills: 72.09 to Katie Kelemen for Secretarial duties for December 2020.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Gary Gavigan, seconded by Darlene Briggs, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary
As transcribed from a recording of the meeting.

NOTE: The next Regular Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: All changes are indicated in bold, underlined and italicized print.