

WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATE, CHALLENGE, & INSPIRE
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Board of Education Long Range Plan Sub-Committee
6:00 p.m. @ Westbrook High School Library

MINUTES

Members Present: Lee Bridgewater, Don Perreault, Zack Hayden, Michelle Palumbo @ 6:50 p.m.

Absent: Jackie Lyman

Also Present: Superintendent Patricia A. Ciccone, Business Manager Lesley Wysocki,
Guests: Chris Ehlert, Gary Gavigan

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. in the WHS library.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 13, 2018 (Tabled due to lack of a quorum)
- III. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Energy Committee Update: Chris Ehlert provided information regarding Energy Committee projects stating that he met with Superintendent Ciccone and Business Manager Lesley Wysocki as to the scope of the Energy Committee. Projects included 1.) the installation of street lights in the town; including a few lights on school property to be replaced. The project begins at the end of March and will end in late April . 2.) ZREC Program – 2 years ago, put into action 5 town buildings. Only two schools (Daisy and Middle School) awarded. Developer would only do all buildings and the project fell through as a result. Land Fill Parcel-Solar Project (no one is willing to bid on the project) 3.) State Micro Grid Project-Town put in a bid. The proposal was for a gas fired turbine to be located at the middle school. This would have included the installation of solar panels for the middle and high school. The turbine would have eliminated the need for a generator. Town was not approved for this project. Viability of the aging roofs at the schools was an issue. Energy Committee decided the return was not worth it due to numerous factors such as the continued back-up generator issues. 4.) Virtual Net Metering Project – a State Pilot Program for municipalities, allowing for 5 meters that can offset each other depending on usage. The town put in an application for this (three schools, town hall, and library). The Board of Selectmen approved. 5.) Consideration of a Community Solar Farm behind the high school/middle schools. Townspeople can buy parcels of the output. This is a project for 2020.
 - B. 2018-19 Project(s) update: Facilities Update Plan: 1.) Replacement of exterior doors for the high school. This may need to go to the BOF due to additional costs. 2.) Generator Replacement – Amount budgeted was \$185,000 and amount spent was \$34,287, leaving a balance of \$150,713.
 - C. Capital Improvement Plan 2019-2023 was reviewed
- IV. ADJOURN: The Long Range Plan meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

