

Energy Action Committee
Zoom Meeting, 03/15/2021, 19:36

Present: Paul Heanue (PH), Mike Kacherovich (MK), Mark LeBel (ML), Brad Moyer (BM), Beth Porter (BP), and Michael Reive (MR)

The meeting began with a review of the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved. The Committee then reviewed a draft of its Annual Town Report. MK and PH offered clarifying comments, and with those clarifying comments, the Annual Town Report was unanimously approved for submission.

BM next provided an update on the Advisory Committee's review of the warrant articles submitted by the Selectmen following recommendation by the Climate Action Planning Task Force. BM noted the Advisory Committee's questions on the designation of HMLP's representative, and also how the payment from HMLP for the climate action plan would work. For representative designation, PH indicated that he needs to work that out with the HMLP board as to who makes that designation. With regard to the payment, PH noted that, in the past, HMLP had paid for various energy audits and other items on behalf of the Town. For those payments, there was no formal process; however, logistics of the payments can easily be worked out. BM also asked whether the HMLP board would need to approve the climate action plan expenditure. PH noted that the board voted last spring to sell the Renewable Energy Credits, agreed to use some of the funds earned for green projects, and that the climate action plan aligns with the board's goals.

Conversation then pivoted to the Green Communities program and grant opportunities. MK reviewed his analysis on grant opportunities that he had previously circulated to Committee members. BM walked through the Green Communities project list and annual report that Town Administration had filed in November 2020. Laura Burns suggested that the South Shore Country Club may have projects that would be worthwhile on which to follow-up and seek grant opportunities. The Committee members discussed further the various projects included with the original Green Communities application and what might be potential targets to work towards. MR and MK then agreed to follow-up with Michelle Monsegur and the DOER Southeast Regional Coordinator regarding grant possibilities. Laura Burns suggested that the Committee members look to the Capital Outlay list included in the Town Warrant to gauge Town project priorities to see what may line up, as there are many HVAC and LED lighting projects in that list.

BM informed the Committee of his outreach and exchanges with Bob Garrity, Chair of the Public Safety Facility Building Committee (PSFBC), and how members of the Committee would be welcome to attend a PSFBC in April to discuss how the Committee would provide assistance for the PSFBC's work.

MR asked for news on a new member being assigned, and BM agreed to follow-up with Town Administration.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 5th at 7:30pm. The meeting adjourned at 20:49.