



TEC
TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE
272 Main Street
Townsend, Massachusetts, MA 01469

Ron Montgomery, Chairman; Michael Brown, Ph.D., Vice-Chairman; Brent Carney,
Kathy Thompson; Edward Hermann;

TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 19th, 2022, 7:30pm

- **Called Meeting to Order:** @ 7:32pm Ron M (RM), Michael Brown (MB), Kathy Thompson (KT) and Brent Carney (BC) present. Veronica Kell (VK) BOS and Vincernt DeSalvo (VD) Grants Administrator visiting.
- **Approval of Minutes for 3/2/2022 meeting:** RM, MB, KT. approved BC abstained. Minutes are approved.
- **Status check: TEC minutes not published to Townsend web page since March 20 2019.** Changes since last meeting? VK said with Harrison Moyotte as new WebMaster project will get underway soon.
- **Status check: Green Communities Grant-funded Projects:** Vincent DeSalvo stated that allowing for post work inspection, payment and reporting by the 9/2/2022 deadline all existing GCGrant-Funded work will be completed in time us to get into the next round.
Discussion of Memorial Hall heating unit that needs to be replaced. BC noted that this item was on the RISE Recommendation 2021 list. Item is line 2 in the proposals (not spreadsheet) for this building. "Condensing Boilers w Indirect DHW storage". Estimated cost \$61119.28 with an estimated incentive of \$6000. Annual savings, \$2114.20. Therms saved 1922. BC noted that these cost / savings have a long payback, 26.1 yrs and are therefore NOT a good candidate for a Grant package.
RM suggested that a new recommendation may result from another inspection as the GCGP seems to have moved away from combustion equipment recommendations to favor electricity. RM to contact, ask Kelley Brown, GCGP ref new inspection and quote. It was suggested that Town budget the replacement pending outcome of any new quote.
- **Status check: TEC proposal to BOS ref Municipal Energy Aggregation:** VK said that BOS has decided to hand this over to new Town Administrator who will start on May 16th. Ron to notify Steve Jorgansen of Freedom Energy Logistics. (aggregator company we have met)

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- **Energy Master Plan Development Subcommittee (EMPDS) Next Steps:** BOS Chair has advised that the TEC process proposal has been approved. We must have 2 volunteers for the Subcommittee. One to serve as Chair. KT answered call for Volunteers. She will be the 2nd Energy Committee Representative on the EMPDS, We still need an Energy Committee Member to act as Chair of this SubCom. RM noted Ed H has not had a chance to volunteer. BC said that he had previously considered requesting a change to our charter that would allow 2 new members to serve as alternates, participating in debate but not voting unless we are missing 1 or more regular members. RM to write proposal for consideration by committee if needed..
- **Ethics certificates requested.** RM to find and send link to Ethics material and self-test.
- **Original TEC Charter, Organization (number of members, officers, voting rules if any.)** Does anyone have? VK suggested RM contact Kathy Spofford for this.
- **Topics not reasonably expected by chair 48 hours before meeting.** Discussed supporting proposal for "Feasibility Study ref Solar Panel Install and Battery Systems for Town Hall. Individual approval suggested. Too late to put letter together for this one.

Missed finishing last meeting:

- **Proposed discussion:** Should TEC consider / recommend projects that are not supported by Grant Funds? Discussion: Committee in favor of putting forth proposals that may save the Town Money / Reduce emissions but do not come with incentive. Example: Squanacook Elementary School where baseline data was incomplete, ineligible for GCGP.
- **Schedule Next Meeting. Virtual, 5/18/2022, Wednesday. 7:30PM**
- **Adjournment: 8:27PM**