

Approved with corrections 3/8/2017

Plainfield Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017

Present: Conrad Liebenow, Tim Walter, Judy Williams, Guest-Elaine Sidney

The meeting was called to order at 7:07. The minutes of the January meeting were accepted with corrections.

Tim welcomed Elaine Sidney as a potential new member of the Energy Committee. Elaine stated that she was there to observe the meeting and gave us a handout of information regarding all the designated Green Communities in Massachusetts. Plainfield received \$137,575 as a designated Green Community as of Feb. 1, 2017. The 5 year energy plan reduction of 20% must be accomplished by 2020. After much discussion it was decided to recommend to the building committee that we expend the following amounts for lighting: highway garage, \$3175; public safety building, \$8536; Hallock building, \$1795; town offices, \$1425; total, \$14,931. It was decided not to include Hathaway Hall. Mass Save is approved as an installer so the money will go directly to them.

There was further discussion regarding an investment grade level II audit for other projects. Conrad will look into Guardian Energy. Tim will check with other communities like Ashfield, Adams, etc. regarding who they have used for the audit. Judy asked if it was possible to hire contractors directly rather, than pay a consultant for recommendations.

Tim handed out a resolution from the Citizens Lobby regarding a carbon fee and dividend that will be discussed at our next meeting. Tim encouraged Elaine to join the committee by submitting a request to the selectmen.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. The next meeting is March 8, 2017 at the Plainfield Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Bryan Williams