

*Approved with corrections 05/09/2018*

Plainfield Energy Committee meeting 2/15/18

Meeting convened at 7:07

Attending: Tim Walter, Conrad Liebenow, Stephen Bushway and the committee welcomed potential new member, Renee Schmidt.

Conrad read the minutes from the 1/10/18 meeting with revisions. Minutes were accepted.

The committee has been asked to start using the new Town website. Each committee will have it's own web page where minutes and other relevant information about the committee's work can be viewed. Conrad is the EC's designated page manager.

Conrad has been told by the structural engineer for the Safety Complex that the building was built to meet the minimum load requirements for the edition of the MBC that was in force at the time of it's construction and that there was no assurance that it would meet the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Code as it – today. It may be possible to upgrade the structural requirements for a roof mounted pv array, pending further consideration by the Building Committee.

World Energy has agreed to install lighting upgrades to three town buildings (Hallock, Town Hall, and Public Safety-exterior) at a cost of \$20,368. Utility Incentives of \$1,919 from Eversource are paid directly to World, making the net cost \$18,449 from the Town's Green Community Designation grant.

The Highway garage has a new oil fired hot air unit heater: money was appropriated at the last Town meeting. Cost was about \$10,000.

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing the document Conrad wrote for the Selectboard to update them on the status of our progress to date, entitled "Green Community Topics".

We used the paper to help bring Renee up to speed on what the committee has been doing relative to Energy Conservation Measures to the Town Highway Garage, which the Building Committee would like to address as a priority. (See attached)

The PEC is looking into working with UMass students under the guidance of Prof. Ben Weil to give students experience evaluating and making ECM recommendations for municipal buildings. The Town benefits by having access to Prof. Weil's expertise. The "Energy Corp" site visit is scheduled for April 11 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38

Respectfully,  
Stephen Bushway