

Plainfield Energy Committee Meeting 12/13/2023 (Virtual via Google Meets)

Present: Conrad Liebenow, Matt Stowell, Lyla Rozelle, and Peter Lapointe (Building Committee liaison)

- Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Conrad Liebenow at 7:05 PM.
 - Matt left the meeting promptly to attend to an injury incurred just prior, and was absent for the duration. In Matt's absence we agreed to postpone electing a new chair until next meeting.
- Conrad read the minutes of Nov 11 meeting, and they were approved 3-0.
- Integrated Controls Change Order work for ASHP at Town Offices
 - Conrad reported that Stafford Mechanical was on-site and completed the change without notification. The installed device is on the DOER QPL, satisfying the requirements for the Eversource Incentive application, which has been signed off and submitted to AEG's satisfaction.
 - Conrad has a low temp, mechanical thermostat which we will install in the basement at a low temperature sensitive location. It will be wired in parallel with the existing controls for the oil burner, providing freeze protection for basement areas no longer heated primarily by ductwork.
- GC Annual Report
 - Conrad reported that the report was completed, signed by Select Board Chair Gillette, and submitted on time. A report summary was distributed to Energy Committee members just prior to the meeting.
- GC Competitive Grant Program (Spring 2024) – Potential Projects
 - A heat pump conversion for town hall remains our only potential project. Gates HVAC has made a site visit and will generate a proposal for a vertical ground-source system. Peter committed to research well driller history related to the Church. AEG also will make site visit and provide proposal for a similar system.
- Highway Garage LED Lighting Upgrade
 - Reiterated that LED upgrades are no longer eligible for GC funding. However, if we have an audit estimating energy savings, the project can be added to our database of ECMs, reflecting town financed.
- Solar PV Canopy at Highway Garage (Municipal Net-Zero)
 - Conrad mentioned observing parking lot Solar PV canopy at Pittsfield's GEAA. Peter volunteered to research that project.
 - Peter mentioned development of the town's master plan should address the net-Zero goal and hoped that an Energy Committee member could participate.
- Municipal Electricity Aggregation (MEA)
 - Jack Nelson had forwarded information about Green Energy Consumers recently released report on MEA. Conrad forwarded that to the Committee, and planned to attend the scheduled webinar as an introduction to the full report.
- New member to fill open position
 - Discussed means to advertise vacancy.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM

Respectively Submitted,
Conrad Liebenow