

Brattleboro Town Finance Committee

Minutes

June 11, 2013

4:30 PM

Hanna Cosman Mtg Rm

Present: Committee members John Woodward, Michael Bosworth, John Wilmerding, Tim Cuthbertson (late), Spoon Agave (Chair)

Absent: Committee member Lisa Lorimer

Others: Paul Cameron, Town Energy Co-ordinator; Lester Humphreys, Chair, Energy Committee

1. Call to order: 4:38 PM
2. Agenda: Discussion of town energy issues with Cameron and Humphreys
Workplan
3. Approve minutes of May 28, 2013: **MOTION** to approve Bos/Wdwd PASSED 4-0
4. Announcements: none
5. Energy discussion
 - Energy Committee now working on their annual report to submit by August 1st.**
 - Honeywell project refinancing saved town \$3,000/mo; no actual savings at this time but there are \$92,000 in avoided costs. When project is paid off in 2025 there should be about \$100,000/yr annual savings.**
 - Project could possibly have been done in-house but would have required financing thru a bond. SB did not have interest in that option**
 - Current SB seems to be showing more interest in energy issues**
 - Important for town to move forward with audit to identify energy efficiencies and savings. Cost of audit removed from this year's budget.**
 - Energy Co-ordinator has considerable data compiled about town energy consumption. Will share with FC**
 - Ongoing – RFP issued for solar array. Potential for \$16,000 annual savings in Municipal energy use; larger solar array possible on landfill. Waste Management District asking for proposals**
 - Town of Wilmington set up energy savings fund**
 - Immediate priority for Muni should be weatherization of all its buildings (low hanging fruit). Difficult to get action on on this**
6. Workplan
 - FC will continue with separate town, school reports**
 - Woodward will take lead on schools with assistance from Bosworth**
 - Dashboard of indicators a priority**
 - Cuthbertson and Wilmerding will search for a model policy for non-profit tax contributions**
 - Police/Fire facility project not viewed as necessarily a part of this year's report but Wilmerding will stay abreast of progress and report to FC if something should be of concern**
7. Adjourn: 6:40 PM