



**Town of Plaistow, NH  
Energy Committee  
145 Main Street, Plaistow, NH 03865**

**ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
November 4, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 5:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Tim Moore, *Chair*  
Gerry Marchand, *Vice Chair*  
Geoffrey Adams  
Peter Bealo  
Julian Kiszka, *Selectmen's Ex-Officio*

Also present were: Dee Voss, *Planning Department Administrative Assistant*, Cab Vinton, *Plaistow Public Library Director*, and Sam Cafiso, *LED Streetlight Subcommittee Member*.

**Agenda Item 2: Review/Approval of Minutes**

October 7, 2020 Minutes

**★ P. Bealo moved, second by J. Kiszka, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 5-0-0 U/A.**

**Agenda Item 3: Current Projects Updates**

Town Hall LED Lighting Conversion

D. Voss noted that the installation of the Town Hall LED Lighting Conversion project went smoothly. The only exception being that the lights in the Great Room and two (2) adjacent offices could not yet be replaced. New fixtures are being manufactured for those space for a better fit. It was noted those lights, as well as the so-called "Safe Routes to Schools" streetlights are intended to be replaced in December.

There was a brief discussion about the features of the new lights. It was also noted that when the project is complete, there will be an announcement on social media and the website to promote energy projects and hopefully encourage people to vote for additional funds to be added to the Energy Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) for future projects.

Salt Shed Solar Panels

T. Moore offered that there wasn't much to report on the Solar Panels since the last meeting. He did note that Henry Herndon of Clean Energy NH attended a recent Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to speak about Electric Aggregation for residential property owners. It was noted that there is an "opt out" option that requires action from the BOS.

T. Moore added that he requested H. Herndon to attend the December 2, 2020 Energy Committee meeting.

J. Kiszka explained that he tried to make the motion at the BOS meeting about joining Clean Energy NH, but the chair confuse it with a previous discussion about electricity aggregation and tabled the discussion. He noted that he has since spoken with the chair to explain and the motion will be made at the next meeting.

There was discussion about asking H. Herndon to assist with crafting the language for a Warrant Article related to the electricity aggregation. It was noted that the residential aggregation only applied to electricity, not gas. There was additional discussion about the benefits of joining Clean Energy NH including assistance with all things energy related.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Project Review – New Projects (from Audit) and CIP Updates**

T. Moore offered that he hasn't done much about the projects on the audit list. He reminded that it had been discussed that a Warrant Article would be proposed to put \$15,000 into the Energy CRF for future projects. He added that he was hoping the EComm could get some direction from H. Herndon as to what type of project gets the most "bang for the buck."

There was discussion that if H. Herndon cannot make the December meeting, there wouldn't be one as there was much to put on an agenda. It was noted that the Warrant Article language may need to be reviewed. It was noted that could be done through email.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Old Business**

##### Streetlights – New Install Protocols

P. Bealo offered that he did put the question of how other communities handle requests from residents for new streetlights out on PlanLink and got a zero response.

S. Cafiso suggested looking at pw.net, which is a list serv for mostly highway and public works professionals. He will forward the link to D. Voss.

##### Electrical Vehicles

T. Moore asked J. Kiszka if he would be ready to speak about electric vehicles at an upcoming meeting.

J. Kiszka offered that he hasn't been able to do much research lately, but he would see if he could put something together.

There was discussion about the potential of using Police detail cars as a test for the feasibility of electric police cruisers. Data collected over a certain amount of time could be used to evaluate the possibility. Concern was expressed that the detail cars might not be the same test as the regular service cruisers. Also gathering information from other communities who have experience would help in the evaluation process. There was also discussion regarding the process of putting together a presentation that would get the Police Chief, Town Manager and Board of Selectman to support such a project.

**Agenda Item 6: New Business**

There was no new business before the EComm at this meeting.

There were no additional matters before the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dee Voss  
Administrative Assistant