



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

**ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 18, 2017**

Call to Order: 5:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Julian Kiszka, *Chair*
Geoffrey Adams, *Vice Chair*
Tim Moore, *excused*
Francine Hart
Gerry Marchand, *excused*

Also present were: Dee Voss, *Interim Planning Coordinator*

Agenda Item 2: Minutes of September 20, 2017 Meeting

★G. Adams moved, second by F. Hart to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 3-0-0 U/A

Agenda Item 3: Update – Plaistow Public Library – LED Retrofit Project

It was noted that the contract for the LED retrofit of the Library has been signed. The contract includes a full LED retrofit of the Library's interior and exterior lighting fixtures.

It was noted that there is approximately \$7,000 left in the Energy Capital Reserve Fund and additional work for the Library LED project will be funded by the Library.

The Committee is looking for updates on the status of the following:

- Energy Fair (possibly working with the Timberlane Regional School District)
- Audit of Town-Owned Buildings

J. Kiszka offered that he had spoken to some Selectmen at the recent Regional Selectmen's Meeting about potential collaboration regarding energy project. He added that he learned that Hampstead is very happy with their LED street light conversion project. He also added that Atkinson did not go through a third-party contractor for their lighting project, but handled all the logistics in-house.

Future Projects

The Committee discussed having energy audits done of all town-owned buildings. The new Safety Complex proposed to be the last one to be done because it is the newest. It was suggested that greater savings might be realized quicker by doing upgrades to the older buildings.

The Committee would still like to consider having a lighting audit done with the Town Hall Great Room. The amount of use that the room gets and the savings that could be gained for a short-money investment makes it seem like a good place to start. It could also be an example that might help get other energy projects approved easier.

Agenda Item 4: Update on Street Lights (Affinity)

It was noted that there had been a meeting with representatives from Affinity. There are still issue with Unitil and the tariff. There is also an issue with the amount of money it would take to buy out the street lights. Since Unitil has not had any LED street light conversions to date they don't have any established policies, which is making communication with them difficult. Because Affinity is not yet contracted with the Town, Unitil will not give them information that they need to assist the Town in planning or making decision on LED street lighting. Affinity will be providing D. Voss with a draft letter to send to Unitil to request specific information that they need to help the Town move forward.

Agenda Item 5: Future Energy Projects

The Committee would still like to look into the possibility of a solar field at the former landfill site. More information is needed.

There were no additional matters before the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dee Voss
Interim Planning Coordinator