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TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE

272 Main Street

Townsend, Massachusetts, MA 01469

Brent Carney, Chairman; Kathy Thompson, Vice-Chairman;
Michael Brown, Ph.D; Edward Hermann

MARCH 17, 2016

**TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE
SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS - 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Call the meeting to order:** Chairman Carney called the meeting to order at 7:22pm. Present were Brent Carney (BC), Michael Brown (MB), Kathy Thompson (KT) and Ed Hermann (EH). Also present was Land Use Coordinator Karen Chapman.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: 1/25/16:** KT moved to accept minutes of 1/25/16 as written. MB seconded with all voting in favor.
3. **Public Forum:** none.
4. **Update on Green Communities Competitive Grant due 3/25/16, votes may be taken:**
 - a. **Discuss meeting with NMRSD Superintendent on 3/17/16.**

Oscar Hills, Director of Facilities; Superintendent Joan Landers, Interim Town Administrator Jim Kreidler, Brent, Kathy, and Karen met to discuss competitive grant. All agreed with moving forward with four projects. Not putting in for hot water replacement because it is an 84 year payback and wouldn't get funded. The Superintendent signed the support letter for the grant. MB would like some contingency in the proposal to comply with the lighting bylaw and meet all town codes. KC will send contact info for MB to Oscar Hill. KT moved to approve the 4 projects in question and to move forward with the application and that all lighting meets town bylaws and the committee will obtain samples of the lights to be installed. MB seconded with all voting in favor.
 - b. **Discuss paperwork for Grant application:**

KC will put in for 5% for Administrative. Application is due March 25th.

5. Discuss Municipal Aggregation:

The interim town administrator chose Peregrine as the company to do the aggregation. They will send out the bids for the suppliers and will be at the Selectmen's meeting on April 26th. How long does the term last? Will municipal aggregation trump what EH is doing in his home? Maybe put the rates on the webpage for the route that EH took. DPU has a spreadsheet with all the supplier companies. We could put the link on the webpage. EH plans on writing a letter to the editor on his experience and he will draft something for the webpage. EH will go to the BOS meeting.

6. Discuss lease of solar panels and public awareness:

Investigation through Hank Phillippe Ryan on mortgages/refinancing and having solar panels on your home. Solar City has tried to smooth the process, but ultimately they are making money. Should put a link to the Attorney General's info on solar panels.

7. Topics not reasonably expected by the chair 48 hours before the meeting: none.

8. Schedule Next Meeting: April 20, 2016

9. Tour of Annex Building Projects with Recreation: The committee went over to the annex to see all the projects that the Green Communities grant paid for.

10. Adjourn: KT moved to adjourn at 8:30pm. MB seconded with all in favor.

Minutes taken by Karen Chapman

All information used in this meeting can be found in the Land Use Office.