



TEC
TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE
272 Main Street
Townsend, Massachusetts, MA 01469

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

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Virtual Meeting MINUTES
May 18th, 2022, 7:30pm

- **Called Meeting to Order @ 7:35pm.**
Present: Michael Brown (MB), Ed Hermann (EH), Ron Montgomery (RM),
Kathy Thompson (KT). Also attending: BOS Liaison Theresa Morse (TM)
- **Approval of Minutes for 4/19/2022 meeting:** RM requested table minutes vote to next meeting. Tabled unanimously.
- **Status check: TEC minutes not published to Townsend web page since March 20 2019.** Harrison Moyotte, WebMaster has contacted RM about recent meeting minutes. After approval of 4/19 minutes RM will submit 12/15/21, 1/12/22, 3/2/22 and 4/19/22.

Town Clerk says last minutes received from TEC were for our 12/2/20 meeting. After that time we did meet in 2021 about 9 times including Green Communities workshops that may or may not have minutes. Need some work to clean up. RM has asked Harrison to proceed with scanning and posting all that the TC has so we can discover gaps and act as needed.

- **Green Communities Grant-funded Projects:** RM reported on phone conversation with Kelly Brown, GCCGP regarding next round, possibly including a revised quote for the Memorial Hall replacement boiler.
-Existing quote from our 2021 opportunities list was for a more efficient gas boiler to replace the old one. (The dollar and emissions savings from that proposal were not competitive enough to be selected by the committee during the 2021 round.) RM noted that for the 2022, block 2 (Fall) round the GCCGP has endorsed replacing carbon-producing heating equipment with electric heat pumps.
Kelly suggests that to get consideration for this alternative proposal Townsend needs to:
 - 1) Contact RISE for possibly a new quote. NEED QUOTE before can get included on revised opportunity spreadsheet. TIME SENSATIVE.
 - 2) Be aware of the Program Rules including a need to justify “electrification”, affects on Town’s eligibility for 2 years, Other recommended weatherization opportunities in the building must be completed before decarbonization ETC.

3) Submit application on time: 2022 GCCGP Block 2 Grant Applications accepted 10/3/2022 and until 5pm, 10/5/2022.

- **TEC proposal to BOS ref Municipal Energy Aggregation:** Project in hands of new Town Administrator, Eric Sagle.
- **Energy Master Plan Development Subcommittee (EMPDS) Next Steps:** BOS Chair has advised that the TEC process proposal has been approved. We must have 2 volunteers for the Subcommittee one to serve as Chair.

Kathy Thompson volunteered to be TEC member at large on the EMPDS at our 4/19/2022 meeting. Still need a TEC member to serve as chair of the EMPDS.

RM engaged EH in conversation regarding Chairship of this Sub-Com
EH will continue to consider after meeting.

Discussion of actions could take if still lacking volunteer for the EMPDA Chair. Suggested we could go to BOS with proposal to restructure the committee to allow for **example:** Addition of 2 "Alternate Members", to sit on Energy Committee. These volunteers participate in debate but do not vote unless we lack 5 voting members in attendance.

Draft proposal needed if committee wishes to proceed with a restructure . Formal voting structure needed, in writing..

- **Ethics certificates requested.** RM has sent email "Here's the Online Training and Certificate Test" to affected members with Link to Mass.gov web page where training and certificate printing are available. RM suggests TEC may face compliance issues at some point unless we comply.
Notice: We may need to review appointment procedures such as swearing-in after each re-election to the committee and terms dates.
- **Topics Not Reasonably Expected by the Chair 48 Hours Before the Meeting:**
- **Open / Public forum:**
- **Schedule Next Meeting. June 15, 2022, 7:30pm**
- **Adjournment: Approx 8:30pm**