



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

LOCAL ENERGY COMMITTEE

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Local Energy Committee MEETING Minutes June 2, 2015 6pm @ Nesmith Library

Call to order 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Mark Kovacs, Peter Tousignant, Matt Rounds,
Pat Manzo

Old business:

1. The LEC voted 4-0 to have Pat Manzo make final edits to the Energy Section of the 2015 Master Plan after which the chairman will submit the document to Mr. Alan Carpenter and Ms Laura Scott of the Planning Board.
2. Support to Windham School District

Mr. Matt Rounds, a recent appointee to the LEC, volunteered to be the point-of-contact to the School District as the LEC works to assist the District. The Chairman will write a letter of introduction of Mr. Rounds to Mr. Steel, Mr. Preston and Ms Thompson.

3. Gas service to Windham

Mr. Kovacs discussed a recent communication with Mr. Bill Clark regarding a further delay in Liberty Utilities' decision on extending natural gas service to Windham. The LEC recommended that the Chairman contact Mr. Clark in July to try to understand whether there is a criterion in terms of Town resident participation in conversion which is governing Liberty Utilities' decision to proceed.

New business

1. Consideration of alternate electricity and heating sources for Library, Police and Fire Departments

Mr. Rounds offered to obtain informal assessments to implement solar power for the three buildings. Mr. Kovacs will provide historical electricity usage to assist Mr. Rounds in his assessment.

Mr. Manzo will investigate geothermal heating as an option for handling space and water heating. Mr. Manzo will also investigate approaches for evaluating energy needs for each building.

2. Encouraging renewable energy conversion by Town residents

The LEC is considering conducting a Town-wide information event on solar energy conversion. Mr. Kovacs will check with the assessor on residents who installed solar

systems with the possibility of contacting these residents to survey them on their motivation, providers utilized and satisfaction level. Mr. Kovacs will also check with the Town Administrator on the acceptability of using Town information to contact these residents.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM (4-0).