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Town of Huntington

Huntington Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 @ 5:30 pm

Town Office (Downstairs) – Huntington Center

Attendance: Dave Clark, Knox Cummin & Ross Ogilvie

5:30 Call to Order & Agenda Review / Proposed Changes – 5 Minutes

- The meeting started on time at 5:30.

5:35 Approval of Last Meeting Minutes - 5 Minutes

- The committee approved minutes from the 5/19/15 HEC meeting

5:40 Public Comment – 5 Minutes

- No Public Comment

5:45 Update on Logo 15 Minutes

a) Review MMU student logo progress.

- Dave Clark shared the top 3 selections from the MMU art class. The committee reviewed them, picked one, and asked for one minor change. Hopefully the solar arrays will be oriented consistently to the south.

6:00 Brewster-Pierce Elementary School (BPMS) Building Energy Upgrade Discussion – 10 Minutes

a) Update on last BPMS building energy meeting

- Ross described the last *BPMS building energy* meeting where the old classroom ventilation/heater units were discussed at length. Water source heat pumps were considered and are being evaluated and estimates being made.

b) Building Heating Discussion Update

- Ross described how new water source heat pumps could pull heat from one side of the building and transfer that heat to another part of the building based on classroom need. This type of system can be much more efficient and can be used with existing boilers. These water source heat pumps would be compatible with any new type of fuel we might like to use in the future.

c) CSA Membership Proposal Update

- Ross described how the *BPMS building energy* committee for various reasons including roof fire access and panel breakage because of balls and such is not interested in having solar panels on the roof of BPMS. Because of this Ross is looking into the terms

of having the school become a member of a CSA where the CSA would be located elsewhere.

6:10 Town Roof Buildings Solar Discussion – 5 Minutes

a) Where do we want to go with this?

- Ross mentioned he has not found any organization that has programs that use municipal roofs. Anything HEC does here would be a town, HEC, or private operation perhaps modeled after normal CSA programs. We are still not sure where we might go with this but will continue this discussion in coming HEC meetings and perhaps start the discussion with select board members.

6:15 Huntington CSA Discussion, – 20 Minutes

1. Update regarding communication with SunCommon

- Ross mentioned SunCommon is still looking at why none of the sites in Huntington were selected. They will get with Ross when they are finished.

2. Are there other companies that offer CSAs?

- No new news here

3. We have south-facing roofs in town that are languishing, and the 2016 fed deadline approaches.

- As mentioned previously anything HEC does here would be a town, HEC, or private operation

6:35 CSA Municipal membership Discussion, – 10 Minutes

- Ross mentioned there are opportunities for the town to join a CSA (SunCommon and others) and save on power costs. This will get put on the next HEC meeting agenda to continue the discussion.

6:45 Update on grant application to New England Grassroots Environmental Fund – 5 Minutes

a) Any new news.

- No new news here

6:50 Other/New Business – 5 Minutes

- Knox requested we hold a public forum around getting the most from your fire wood. We will discuss and perhaps schedule at the next meeting.

6:55 Wrap-up – 5 Minutes

- Dave will follow up with the Art teacher requesting one last change

7:00 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00

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