

BOLTON ENERGY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM, Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Notch Municipal Center, Room 10

Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Richard Dziadul, Vice-Chairman William Hebert, Rodney Fournier, and John Stewart

Members Absent: Douglas Fisher and Jim Adams

Others Present: Recording Secretary Linda McDonald

1. Call to Order: Chairman R. Dziadul called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the April 13, 2017 meeting minutes:

R. Dziadul MOVED to approve the April 13, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. J. Stewart SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

3. Upcoming Energy Committee Participation in Bolton Family Day:

The members finalized plans to have a table at Bolton Family Day on May 29, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- J. Stewart will make an identifying sign for the committee's table and advertise home efficiency information and member recruitment.
- Bolton residents expressing interest in attending a home energy improvements workshop at a future date will be able to sign-up at the event.
- W. Hebert will contact Jan Carlow about getting a table at the event.
- R. Dziadul will provide hand-out materials.

a. Home Energy Solutions (HES) fliers and handouts – CT Green Bank:

HES, Smart E Loans and CT Green Bank flyers and handouts will be distributed at Bolton Family Day event. (R. Dziadul will contact Madeline Priest for HES brochures).

Discussion followed on HES income level parameters. The IE program provides a free energy audit if the resident is income eligible.

4. Progress toward the Creation of an Energy Consumption Benchmark for Town Energy Usage:

R. Dziadul reported that the Town and Board of Education provided requested gas, oil and electric bills to the committee. He said he has begun to create a spread sheet using the information and has discovered that the schools are large draws of energy as would be expected. R. Dziadul said he learned that Bolton High School was brought up to LEED Silver which should show energy savings when the data is compiled.

5. Update on Smart E Loan Program (for Bolton residents wishing to make energy improvements):

J. Stewart will ask Nutmeg mechanical for a donation to the Town's fuel bank. W. Hebert will check on who runs the fuel bank in Town.

R. Dziadul said there is a new one percent loan rate for certain programs: oil to gas conversion, photovoltaics (solar), heat pumps, and insulation up to \$40,000.00 but programs have to be bundled to take advantage of the one percent loan.

6. Recruiting new member(s) to the Energy Committee:

R. Dziadul reviewed the duties of the Committee. R. Fournier will contact First Selectman Robert Morra about getting on a future Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting agenda to introduce the Energy Committee to the BOS. R. Dziadul will set up a meeting to speak to employees of the public works department to possibly recruit a member for the committee.

R. Dziadul MOVED to add agenda item 7: "Discuss and Act upon the Motion made at the April 13, 2017 meeting regarding the Selection of Contractors for the Home Energy Solutions (HES) Campaign for Bolton Residents". R. Fournier SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

7. Discuss and Act upon the Motion made at the April 13, 2017 meeting regarding the Selection of Contractors for the Home Energy Solutions (HES) Campaign for Bolton Residents:

Draft letters to be sent to the two companies endorsed by the committee at their April 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Discussion followed on whether the committee had the authority to endorse the contractors.

R. Dziadul MOVED to rescind the approved motion made at the April 13, 2017 meeting and not to endorse contractors for the Home Energy Solutions (HES) Campaign for Bolton Residents. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

8. Board Discussion:

Arranging a workshop at the Bolton Senior Center for residents to learn about energy saving programs was discussed. The workshop would have to be warned as a special meeting of the Energy Committee. R. Dziadul offered to create a power point slide show with input from committee members.

Discussion followed on energy grants the Town had accrued points and qualified for but have since ended or expired, including the Bright Idea Grant (CEC).

9. Adjournment: J. Stewart MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. R. Fournier SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald

Please see minutes of subsequent meetings for approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.