

**Town of Boscawen  
ENERGY COMMITTEE  
Boscawen Municipal Complex  
FINAL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 5:30 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Edward J. Cherian Jr— Chair; Charles Niebling— Vice Chair; Gary Tillman

**Absent:** Nate Preisendorfer; Paul Dickey—Ex Officio

**Guest Speakers:** None

**Staff Present:** Kellee Jo Easler —Planning & Community Development Director

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Chair Cherian opened the meeting opened at 5:30 p.m.

PCD Director Easler completed roll call.

**Minutes:**

**Mr. Tillman motioned to accept the 9.12.22 draft minutes as amended. Seconded by Vice Chair Niebling. All in favor. None opposed.**

**Meeting Frequency:**

The Energy Committee will be meeting the third Tuesday of the month of the month going into 2023. The committee will meet January, March, May, September, and November.

**Old Business:**

Energy Facility Tours-Briar Hydro, MVSD, & Merrimack County: Vice Chair Niebling will get in touch with Mr. Frederick Reagan about a date they can tour the facility at the school, hopefully for the end of November or beginning of December. Vice Chair Niebling said if we would like staff present it will have to be during working hours no later than 3pm or 3:30pm. He will also work on getting in touch with Merrimack County as well. Chair Cherian said he would like the Merrimack Valley School District Board Members and Merrimack County Representatives as well.

Community Power Coalition: Chair Cherian would like to follow up on the Community Power Coalition. Mr. Tillman asked if they went before the Select Board. PCD Director Easler said she will have to follow up with Town Administrator Phelps. Chair Cherian said there has been some news with Community Power and that their customers can be handed as much as 30% default load which would make them the second largest utility company. Chair Cherian would recommend to the Select Board that they should take the commitment because it would cost them no dollars. Chair Cherian said he can reach out to Henry with Community Power and can

work with TA Phelps on when they can come to the Select Board. If the Select Board were to agree to sign the commitment then it would need to go to Town Meeting for the Voters to decide.

**New Business:**

*Facilities Director Return on Investment for Insulation of the Municipal Building:* Chair Cherian said it was good information and the ROI is better than what they were receiving before. Vice Chair Niebling said he used the 12 month rate. For a six year simple payback he is in favor. Chair Cherian asked if there were any grants or incentives. Vice Chair Niebling said it has a liberty utility incentive. Chair Cherian said it was a smart move to insulate the building because the building does release a lot of energy.

**Vice Chair Niebling made a motion to make a recommendation to the Select Board for the investment of Insulating for the Municipal Building in order to achieve long term saving in reduction of gas usage in 2023 with a budget or capital improvement allocation. Seconded by Mr. Tillman. All in favor. None opposed.**

*Energy Committee Budget 2023:* PCD Director Easler said that the Energy Committee will have a budget of \$500 for 2023. This would cover membership dues, trainings and conferences.

*Energy Committee Members:* Chair Cherian would like PCD Director Easler to reach out to Mr. Preisendorfer to see if he would like to stay on the committee. Chair Cherian will reach out to Elektrisola to see if they have any residents in Town that would like to join the Energy Committee.

**Other Business:**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

**Motion to adjourn made by Chair Cherian. Seconded by Vice Chair Cherian. All in favor. None opposed.**

*Respectfully submitted by Kearsten O'Brien.*