

WALLINGFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the December 1, 2020 Meeting

Before we started, several members offered praise for how Sandi had made it so easy to log onto the meeting on Zoom. Present on Zoom: John Armstrong, Doug Blodgett, Katherine MacLauchlan, Ralph Nimtz, and Ken Welch; by phone, Robbie Stubbins and Jay White.

Minutes. Jay moved the approval of the November minutes. Robbie seconded them. There was no objection.

Solar Congratulations. We discussed how to match the list of solar installations in Wallingford by address from a database to names of the property owners [John found a workaround by using the town's grand list. A few of these properties will have changed hands, but it should be straightforward to make these corrections.] Katherine proposed that we could address the congratulations by using mail merge. David responded that "there are only 43 documents to create. Not a heavy load. I can just do that manually." John promised to submit a draft. Ken suggested that our durable shopping bags be a part of the award. "The bags were intended as an incentive to come to a meeting, but COVID-19 put the kibosh on that!" David proposed that he generate the proclamations and that people could come by his house to pick them up.

WES Energy Dashboard. The dashboard has been dormant for a year or two since we have not renewed the licensing fee for the software. "It frustrates me," Ken commented, "to see this learning experience go by the way." [John inquired and learned that the fee was \$200 a year or two years for \$380. In addition there is approximately \$50 a year to another vendor to make the dashboard results available on the internet.] "This shouldn't be on our budget," Ken added. "We provided the funds — and the labor — to get it set up.. We should work with the school board to obtain ongoing funding." Katherine proposed that we gather up what is needed and meet with the principal. "This is a resource," she said.

Prudential Committee. Ken proposed scheduling a site visit to the water and wastewater facilities. "The Prudential Committee has a contractor, [Simon Operating Services](#), who runs the systems and keeps them legal. They're not there all the time, and they don't need to be. We do need to contact them to set up a time, however."

Robbie suggested we try to recruit Oscar for this visit. “He’s our best shot to find ways to make the equipment better — and he’s a Wallingford resident.”

Jay’s Letter to the Selectboard about linking energy code compliance to zoning registration. David moved acceptance of the letter and Ken seconded it. John proposed that the letter be addressed to “Dear members of the Selectboard” and Katherine promised to get Jay a copy of the light bulb logo. Ken suggested that copies be sent to Erika and Julie.

Katherine pointed out that it was 7:23 “and I think that we’ve touched on the most actionable items.”

“So is that it?” Ken asked. “John, when is the next meeting?” John replied that it would be on January 5 at 6:30. “That’s fine,” Ken replied. “Good night all!”

The next virtual meeting will be Tuesday, January, 5 at 6:30 via Zoom. There will be a link to the meeting on the town website.

— Submitted by John Armstrong