



TOWN OF VERNON

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APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

14 Park Place, Third Floor, Vernon, Connecticut

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

5:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Boulrice at 5:00 pm. Members present: Dr. Russell Kunz, Jeffrey Boulrice, Tom Aitkin. Absent was Elmar Alikanhov. Also present was Recording Secretary Leslie Campolongo

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **October 20, 2014** – Motion was made by Mr. Boulrice and seconded by Dr. Kunz to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **October 2, 2014 *Special Meeting*** - (UConn C2E2 Tour) Motion made by Dr. Kunz and seconded by Mr. Boulrice to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **August 18, 2014** - Motion was made by Mr. Boulrice and seconded by Dr. Kunz to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **July 27, 2014** - Motion was made by Mr. Boulrice and seconded by Dr. Kunz to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2. PENDING BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the name change of Northeast Utilities, the parent company of Connecticut Light and Power and Yankee Gas. The company will now be known as Eversource Energy.

- a. **CT Clean Energy Community Pledge** – Discussion took place regarding the program. Mr. Boulrice recapped and clarified provisions of the pledge for the board. Other municipal members of the Green Team need to be confirmed.

Motion made by Mr. Boulrice, seconded by Dr. Kunz to make application for the Bright Ideas Grant. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Boulrice requested the Bright Ideas grant application be presented for discussion on next Agenda

- b. **CCM Street Lighting** – discussion took place regarding LED technology and the potential to retrofit town streetlights. Public Works is currently evaluating the cost benefits of the program for implementation in Vernon.
- c. **C2E2** - Dr. Kunz expressed his desire to see an internship develop between the town and UCONN C2E2. He suggested that it might take the form of a 2-semester project. A project description be created/submitted for evaluation by town and C2E2. The Board discussed potential projects that would incorporate the assistance of the C2E2 and UCONN students as follows:
 - Feasibility of Hydro power in Vernon
 - Feasibility of Microgrids in Vernon
 - Feasibility of Solar Panels in Vernon
 - Exposure of Hockanum River in downtown
 - Town Building - Energy Reduction

Discussion took place regarding the timing of such projects and whether these projects could be incorporated in design features taking place in mill redevelopment.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Meeting dates 2015** – Motion was made by Mr. Boulrice and seconded by Dr. Kunz to accept the EIBD meeting dates as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Boulrice expressed that Special Meetings may be required, as needed to for the pursuit of Bright Ideas Grant.
- b. **Membership requirements** – Mr. Boulrice inquired on the residency requirements for membership on EIBD. Ms. Campolongo will follow up with Mr. Boulrice as dictated by Ordinance 292.

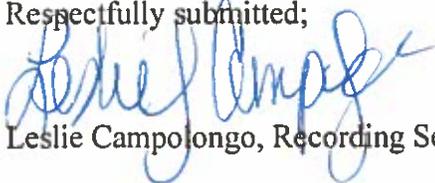
4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. **Resignation - Mark St. Germain.** No discussion took place

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Dr. Kunz, seconded by Mr. Boulrice to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;



Leslie Campolongo, Recording Secretary