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ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

14 Park Place, First Floor Probate Court Conference Room, Vernon, Connecticut

MEETING MINUTES

***March 28, 2016** - 6:30 PM*

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the Energy Improvement District was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Boulrice at 6:38 pm. Members also present: Jason Ellis, Tom Aitkin. Members Absent: Elizabeth Landry, and Elmar Alikhanov. Staff present: WPCA Staff Liaison Steve Boske and Recording Secretary Leslie Campolongo.

2. **PRESENTATIONS** - There were no presentations.

3. **PENDING BUSINESS**
   a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2016.** Motion made by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Boulrice to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

   Benchmarking Funds – Mr. Boulrice reported that there is $20,000 available for benchmarking studies, once an application in completed. Discussion took place regarding Eversource staffing, town staffing and committee member training. Qualified projects include energy efficient lighting, insulation, energy consumption studies, retrofitting and performance contracting. Mr. Aitkin suggested a special meeting to begin evaluating current energy consumption in buildings. Discussion took place. Motion made my Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Aitkin to hold special meeting to begin the data input portion of energy consumption in a particular building. Motion carried unanimously.

   Articles for Events Magazine – Discussion took place regarding several energy reduction projects underway in the Town. Topics included the towns agreement with Lodestar for Solar Energy, Streetlight retrofitting and the Benchmarking. Discussion also took place regarding what format the article should take. Mr. Boulrice motioned that he will draft an article on the benchmarking projects circulate among Board members for edits and comments. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

   a. **Solarize Connecticut** - Mr. Boulrice provided an overview of the Solarize Connecticut program. Currently there are 64 towns participating with over 2000 homes with solar panels. Mr. Boulrice stressed the importance of the EIDB evaluating the programs pros and cons to see if it is a match for the town and it's residents. There is no cost to the town to participate in the program. Mr. Boulrice would like to invite a representative to the next EIDB meeting. Motion made by Mr. Boulrice and

seconded by Mr. Ellis to invite a Solarize Connecituct representative to the May 23, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boske provided an update on the WPCA upgrade and the energy reduction component of the eventual bid specifications. Discussion took place regarding Legislative testimony provided by WPCA Director Mr. Robert Grasis and Town Administrator Mr. John Ward before the CT General Assembly regarding changes to HB-HB-5481 -PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION REIMBURSEMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES.

Discussion also took place regarding solar energy contracting, streetlight retrofitting and Amerbelle mill.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made my Mr. Boulrice seconded by Mr. Aitkin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie S. Campolongo