



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

APPROVED

### Meeting Minutes

14 Park Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Town Hall

May 22, 2017 - 6:30 PM

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Members in attendance: Jeff Boulrice, Tom Aitkin, Jason Ellis. Members Absent: Elizabeth Landry. Also in attendance: Town Administrator John Ward, WPCA Assistant Director Steve Boske and Leslie Campbell, Recording Secretary.

**PRESENTATIONS** – There were no presentations

#### PENDING BUSINESS

**Minutes (November 28, 2016)** –Mr. Aitkin motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Jeff Boulrice. Motion passed unanimously.

#### PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Ward provided updates on the following projects as it related to energy improvement or savings.

**WPCA Facility Upgrade** - Facility plan is under review by DEEP. Phosphorus removal is essential to obtaining permit. Anticipated 20-30% reduction in energy costs. Plant uses approximately \$1.2M in energy annually. Final Chapter (#10) of the facility plan must be submitted to DEEP by 5/31/2017.

**Solar Farms** – Both farms are up and running with meters calculating. Anticipate first bill in May. Estimated savings of \$120k year for the first two years.

**New Senior Center** - Town has purchased parcel on Bolton Road for new senior center, which is equipped with solar panels.

**Amerbelle Mill** - The remediation of the parcel is near completion, and work on site should conclude by end of May.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- **Energize CT Outreach Campaign to residents** - Discussion took place regarding use of the Events Magazine to promote key energy saving projects that the Town has engaged in such as Solar Farms, Street Light retrofits, WPCA upgrade and the mills. Mr. Ward will work with Administration staff to create an article for the next magazine.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Solarize Connecticut 2017 Round 8** - Mr. Boulrice will check to see if Round 8 is still receiving applications. The program permits that each town select its own contractor from approximately 40 vendors. Town's responsibility is to promote the program, with the assistance and partnerships of local civic organizations. Mr. Ward will speak with Mayor.
- **Discussion - per Celtic Energy presentation** - No discussion took place.
  - i. Creation of an Energy Savings Strategic Plan
- **Benchmarking Grant** – \$20k is available to Town. No further discussion took place. As a piece of information, Mr. Boulrice mentioned that it is possible that funding for CT Greenbank will be cut due to issues with state budget.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Resignation - Elmar Alikhanov** – Discussion took place regarding replacement members who are representatives of an area business. Suggestions made by Board members include Stop & Shop, Rockville Hospital, Car dealers, and large apartment/housing developers.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Boulrice, seconded by Mr. Ellis. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Leslie Campolongo

approved on February 22, 2018.