



Local Energy Committee Minutes February 7, 2023

6 – 7:45 PM, Nesmith Library & ZOOM

1. Meeting called to order at 6:05PM

Attendees: Allen Reed, Joel Taft, and Mark Kovacs in Conference Room.
John Klyop on ZOOM

2. Old Business

- a. Approved minutes of September 15, 2023, and December 13, 2023 – each 4-0.
- b. Streetlight Upgrade Project – Allen Reed reported that in a meeting with Brian McCarthy, Town Administrator, re Community Power Aggregation, Mr. McCarthy reported he will be contacting Eversource and Liberty Utilities soon.
- c. Community Power Aggregation – Allen Reed
Allen met with Mr. McCarthy who supported the idea of instituting a Community Power Aggregation program in Windham and recommended that the LEC introduce this idea to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) in an April meeting. Mr. Reed will prepare a presentation for the BOS and review it with the LEC members at the next meeting on March 14.
- d. Nesmith Solar Project Initial Report – Mark Kovacs
Mark reported that the Nesmith Library electricity purchased from Eversource has decreased from 25,700 KWH to 14,800 KWH for the same 4-month billing period (November through February) ending on 2022 (no solar) and 2023 (with solar). The LEC will be tracking this performance through mid-2023 to establish a database for considering the feasibility of solar systems for other Town buildings.

IMPORTANT - COVID19 PROCEDURES:

- For those planning to attend, please note that masks are not required for those who have been vaccinated; all others are encouraged to wear facial coverings and to continue social distancing to the extent such is reasonably possible.
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e. LEC Contributions to Master Plan – Mark Kovacs

Mark reported the Planning Board was planning to edit the 30 page, LEC-contributed Energy Chapter down to 5 or 6 pages. The members urged Mark to suggest that having done so, the Planning Board should make the remaining information available as an appendix to the Master Plan since the full document contains information relevant to implementing any future Master Plan.

f. DIY Energy Efficiency Publication – Joel Taft

Recent illness prevented Joel from discussing with Mr. McCarthy the best distribution method for the LEC's DIY Energy Efficiency Guide which Joel has written. He will arrange a meeting with Mr. McCarthy as soon as possible.

3. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM (4-0)

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