

**Camden Energy and Sustainability Committee
Meeting May 23, 2016
MINUTES**

The next meeting will be on June 20, 2016 at the Washington Street Conference room.

Secretary: Dana Strout with additions from Sarah Holland

Present:

Mark Ratner
Marina Schauffler
Ken Gross
Sarah Holland
Brian Robinson
Dana Strout
Jim Heard

Absent:

Anita Brosius-Scott
Pete Kalajian
Peter Galloway

3. Minutes of April meeting approved.
4. No public comment. No members of the public were present.
5. **Snow Bowl Report.**

Lodge construction schedule? Funding is \$2million short.

Discussion about Sarah Holland's completed review of the Snow Bowl lodges (present and future). Her review details energy reduction and savings options that construction methods can contribute. Sarah is a professional architect with an emphasis on "green" building. We discussed submitting this to the town and the architect of the new lodge, to see how the recommendations the committee made could be incorporated into the overall design. We decided to submit the report to both the Select Board (first), the Snow Bowl Budget Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mark Ratner made the motion to accept the report and submit it to the Select Board. Seconded and approved. Ken Gross abstained.

To make a submission before the Select Board, the request [and back-up material] must be submitted to Janice [Esancy in the Town Office] by Wednesday before the Tuesday Select Board meeting.

6. **Solar bill before State Legislature:** Marina discussed the failure of the solar bill [LD1649] in the legislature. It had passed the legislature, the Governor vetoed it, and it lost a veto override [by 2 votes]. The future of Net Metering in Maine will now be decided by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.
7. **Panel discussion on Energy at the Library on May 31** at 7pm – final plans discussion. The companies presenting will be Sun Dog Solar (residential solar PV and the Solarize Midcoast Maine group-buy price reduction program), Evergreen Home Performance (methods of reducing energy use), and Revision Energy (community solar PV).
8. **Municipal Solar Power report** (Marina): There are some snags with the Sagamore Farm site, so we should move ahead with investigating the potential for a ground-mounted system located at the Public Works Facility.

The status of plans to build a new salt/sand shed at the PW facility was discussed. It is not far in the process, at least a year out. We would like to have input on decisions regarding the design of the new building, vis-à-vis its solar orientation and the capacity/strength of the roof to hold a solar panel installation.

We have been informed by Pat Finnigan that we need to clear with her any conversations we desire to have with the engineering firm Gartley & Dorsky as G & D's time is billable to the town.

The committee's recommendations are that we get more involved in the process going forward.

ACTION: Marina S. will follow up with Pat Finnigan.

ACTION: We nominate **Pete Kalajian** as the liaison to Public Works on this project.

9. **Opera House** (Mark R.): Dave Morrison [Camden Opera House Technical and Facilities Director] says the asbestos that would need to be removed before a blower door building-infiltration test has not yet been removed. It's not in the budget, but it's a small amount and it may be able to be done.

ACTIONS:

Brian Robinson will see what he can do to get more information on the prospect of removing the asbestos and its cost, estimated to cost only a few hundred dollars.

Brian will put together a report on the Opera House and the possibilities for energy efficiency.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

11. The **next meeting will be on June 20, 2016** at the Washington Street meeting room.