

MINUTES Final
Camden Energy and Sustainability Committee
September 19, 2016, 5:30pm
Washington St. Conference Room

1. Present:

Anita Brosius-Scott (Chair)
Pete Kalajian (left @ 6:20)
Marc Ratner
Sarah Holland
Brian Robinson
Ken Gross
Dana Strout
Marina Schauffler (left @ 6:30)
(No Guests)

Absent:

Peter Galloway

2. Selection of Secretary – Anita & Sarah
 - a. Minutes from June 20 AND from July 20 both approved, no changes
3. Non-Agenda items
 - a. **LED street lights** – status update of downtown pilot project? Meg Barclay is contact person. Rick Siebel (Dept. Public Works) is very motivated, they are working together on that very well.
 - b. **Windplanners** (CHRHS Energy Committee) – School is back in session; our committee could check in with them. Margo Murphy, faculty advisor, would prefer that someone from our committee attend their meeting (after school on Thursdays?).
 - i. **Anita** volunteers; tell **Marina** when the meeting is, maybe we could both go.
 - ii. Q's: What are the solar panels actually generating? How is it working out? What did they project, and what are they getting?
 - c. **Belfast Energy** – Marina Q's about landfill energy @ Belfast landfill-sited solar ground installation – could check in with them about how their installation is going and issues re getting buy-in on the project. Lessons learned re ground-mounted solar array.
 - i. **Pete K** volunteers.
4. Discussion of **Workshop of 9/13/2016 with Select Board** – Pete K.
 - a. Step One is ROW (**Right of Way**).
 - i. ROW status – Marc talked to Chip Laite, owner of property with easiest, existing access between the Sagamore Farm site and Route 1. Chip would like to see an industrial park there. Marc discussed the triple phase power infrastructure that would be installed for the initial solar array, which would help the industrial park concept. Chip could not attend that SB workshop.

- ii. The Energy Committee could assist in having the appropriate ROW documents drawn up and presented to Chip Laite by the next Energy Committee meeting.
 - 1. **Pete Kalajian** will ask Hans Albee of Revision Energy to prepare diagrams about where power lines would go. Will give documents to Dana S.
 - 2. **Dana Strout** (lawyer) will draft ROW and send it to, and discuss with, Bill Kelly, Town attorney (with Pat F's OK). Will ask Revision if they have faced this ROW issue before. Dana will get drafted ROW to Marc Ratner, with discussion with Bill Kelly.
 - 3. **Marc R** volunteers to liaise with Pat Finnigan and Bill Kelly.
 - 4. **Dana needs** a document/map showing existing roadway to that site. ROW typically includes verbiage such as, Use would continue "so long as facility needs to be maintained (not abandoned)."

- b. **Effect of new PUC rules:** PUC is proposing a 10 year period with diminishing net energy returns. PUC now has a document and it is undergoing a public comment period. Maybe final rule-making in November.
 - i. Net metering would be grandfathered for 15 years if facility is built in 2016. We can't accomplish that timing.
 - ii. What has to be complete to qualify for grandfather qualifications? If there could be a special town meeting in Nov. could they envision installation by Dec. 31 in order to be grandfathered? **Pete K** will ask timing questions & email **Marc**.
 - iii. Revision said let's see what PUC decision is and then we'll act based on that. Once that's done, if have ROW ready could maybe have a special town meeting – want to get it done! Keep the momentum going.
 - iv. What are the **long-term calculations** with possible new PUC regulations? It is not free money but it's a sound decision – even if 10% savings. Still a good deal, plus ecological benefits.
 - 1. In the past, solar array has been considered as saving a lot of money – effectively, provides "free energy" [for latter part of installation function].
 - 2. Marina S. - We want to be able to show the ways that Camden is moving towards green energy.

- c. **New Snowbowl lodge.**
 - i. Brian doesn't know at what stage the new lodge is; nothing set in stone; not permitted (i.e. no permits yet); total money not raised. People on the S.Board were not against making the building more energy efficient. Where's the money going to come from if there's a new lodge? Where are we going to get the budget to run the second lodge? Can't use historical averages of snow for this coastal ski area because of climate change. Snowbowl ski area also requires a higher budget, because the operation of lifts is to summit, which requires more personnel.
 - ii. Next Steps:
 - 1. Find out where they are in preparation for the lodge construction.
 - a. It's said that over \$1million has been raised of the \$2m needed. Correct?

2. Does SB want to get involved and dictate energy efficiency mandates for the building?
3. There should already be a set of programmatic needs for the building. Energy performance can (and, Committee feels, should) be a part of the program of what the building requirements are.
 - a. "Programmatic needs" is interpreted as how the building fulfills what takes place there
 - b. Also means how the building fulfills building envelope performance standards
4. Next step – Energy Committee asks Building Committee where the "train" is re building progress.
 - a. Who tells architects what to do? Not Town – but Foundation. Need to ask Foundation where we are in the plans – esp. concerns about the running cost of new lodge.
 - b. **Marc** – need to put on SB agenda to find out status of new lodge.
 - i. Wants to know how the new budget is supported this coming year. Seems nobody figured in how expensive it is to run the new hill. Need to figure out how we can run new hill; same for new lodge.
 - c. Slow down. Need public info re status of building plans. Building can be beautiful space yet still energy efficient.
 - d. **Anita** request that SB include in next SB meeting a discussion about both Snow Bowl lodges and make decisions at SB level about priorities and energy issues – a follow-up from workshop.
 - i. Supporting documentation – notes from workshop
 - ii. Need to ask questions
1. Marc gone 28th – 5th
2. Anita gone 30th Sept. – 13th Oct.
- d. **Old A-Frame Lodge** – no discussion – same with new lodge – request SB follow up on decisions re priorities.
5. Decisions regarding next steps, priorities and assignments
 - a. Demand Workgroup –
 - i. **Brian** will check to see if asbestos has been removed from closet in **Opera House**. If not happened he will motivate to make it happen.
 - ii. (**Brian** and **Sarah** and **Marc** and **Dana**) will take a tour of entire building. **Brian** will schedule a walk-through for entire committee; Will discuss as workgroup next steps. Brian will have energy data on building.
7. **Next meeting 5:30 17th October**
8. Adjourned 7:05