

Minutes of the Henniker Energy Committee (HEC) Meeting: 20MAR23 @ 6:00 PM

Present were: Chair: Dina Pinnell
V-Chair: A.J. Heinrich
HEC Mmbrs: Mike French, Rod Pimentel
Selectman: Bill Marko
Guests: Cassidy Brennan and Steve Lieber (rep: Affinity)
Jerry Gilbert (local electrician)
Susan Adams, and Heidi Aucoin (rep: Beautification Committee)

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM

In order not to keep our invited guests from Affinity and local electrician Jerry Gilbert we moved immediately to Item V on the agenda: Review of Street Lamps.

Affinity representatives gave a thorough presentation on what options are available thru their company, options of types of lamps and programmability, with the goal being to limit power usage while providing safety and visual appeal.

Jerry Gilbert provided significant insight into the many issues faced with maintenance of the current lamps, as well as their limitations. He also provided numbers of lamps we are looking at: Town = 38 / NEC = 20 / Citizen's Bank = 1

HEC will confer with M. Mitch and NEC to get a breakdown of their billing process for the lamp power usage.

Discussion about ongoing retrofit of current lamps versus a complete replacement of lamps with updated units that provide "network" capability. Affinity stated a per lamp cost of approx. \$650, plus \$150 installation fee. Savings on power usage with networking, and draw-down timers, at about 75%, conservatively.

Further discussion on financial incentives from utility company Eversource and qualifications needed to access those incentives. Selectman Marko asked if private companies hired to do work might qualify. There were concerns about materials and certifications needed.

Affinity was asked to provide HEC with a breakdown of cost for a variety of options and possible savings incurred with each. This concluded discussions with Affinity concerning Street Lamps

Re: Minutes: AJ Heinrich moved to accept the minutes from last month's meeting, 2nd by Rod Pimentel, motion carried by full majority.

Re: Thermal Scoping: Dina states Margaret Seeds will be working with Diane Kendall to access heritage units

Re: HEC Municipal Survey: AJ Heinrich has submitted it to Diane Kendall and will be assisting her with dissemination and collecting finished surveys for HEC.

Re: HEC Members: Selectman Marko discussed need to modify the Energy Committee membership. Currently we are authorized 5 members, but we have 6. Selectman Marko will work with Board of Selectman to make the changes.

Dina moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by AJ. Majority so moved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

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