

Minutes of the Henniker Energy Committee (HEC) Meeting: 17APR23 @ 6:00 PM

Present were: Chair: Dina Pinnell
V-Chair: A.J. Heinrich
HEC Mmbrs: Mark Mitch, Rod Pimentel, Dianne Dawson
Selectman: Bill Marko
Guests: No guests were present

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM

Chair introduced our newest member of the HEC, Dianne Dawson, who gave a brief bio which featured extensive experience in electrical distribution and lighting. The rest of the HEC introduced themselves.

Last months meeting's minutes were reviewed. Rod Pimentel moved to accept them. Bill Marko 2nd, motion carried.

Discussion of Scoping studies followed. GDS has completed their site visits and we can expect full reports and suggestions for improvements in 2-3 weeks. SEEDS has completed infrared imaging and will return in the coming months to do the full site visit. Mark Mitch asked whether estimates of cost of repairs/improvements would be included. Chair stated that was typically required for scoping studies but would be estimates not contractor pricing.

Reviews of the Municipal Surveys were completed. The following is a summation of insights/suggestions and discussion that ensued:

Town Hall:

Basement was noted as a source of heat loss, windows need repairs.

- Discussed possibility of spray foam insulation installed in basement with care not to impede access to, or performance of plumbing/electrical lines.
- Also discussed was the option of a control box to manage both the mini-split and the regular furnace/baseboard heat

Community Center / Teen Center:

Most of the items addressed were noted in previous meetings, and some concerns were found to be already managed (eg: windows said to be single pane were found to have storm windows already installed).

- Missing Mini-split control unit was discussed. No one seemed to know where it is.
- Rod P suggested looking at the furnaces in Comm Center to see if there is a way to reduce the noise levels when they are running.
 - Rod P also to look into insulating the basement where the Teen Center operated, and will discuss these issues with Town Administrator.

- Discussion also followed about whether or not to put effort and funding into the Teen Center if it's not being used.

Grange:

While there is need to better insulate the building, we are waiting on the SEEDS study for details and suggestions.

- The Food Pantry (FP) operates downstairs and it was noted that lighting needs to be switched to LED. Also there are 4-5 freezers being used by the FP which were donated and may not be up to modern efficiency standards.
- It was also noted that the FP may be considering moving out of the Grange. It was suggested that they could possibly use the Teen Center, but there are accessibility issues.

Transfer Station:

Most items noted are outside the parameters of the HEC

Fire Station:

Doors and windows are in need of upgrades/insulation

WT Facility / Police Station / Hwy Dept:

No needs. Police station due to be replaced soon. Committee has been established to assess the facility and provide recommendations.

Waste Water Treatment Facility and LED lighting was also discussed. The issue that came up was whether or not the Town wanted to address the lighting separately from the Underwood WWTF upgrades. Bill M. stated that he would take this back to the Board of Selectman to see what they want. If the decision is to have Underwood take this on, to ensure that they are investigating lighting rebates and incentives. HEC's concern is that we get the lighting at the WWTF at the lowest possible cost, and as early as possible, in order to lower electricity costs asap.

Chair asked if there were any other concerns. None noted.

AJ moved to adjourn the meeting: Chair 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.