

Energy Committee

Full task force present 5:15pm zoom: Laurie, Denis, Robert, Jen, Paul, Dan

Solar on highway garage

who do we want to credit?

Potential power generated is greater than its consumption

Paul: Ann shared 80 pages of old bills from garage – Quincy will enter in the data for next meeting

Lighting

Consolidated lighting district has x# poles

3 accounts:

1. Lighting districts where users pay “consolidated”
2. Town’s general account
3. Bard account – automatically forwarded to Bard

Paul: Cen Hud portal all we see is town’s general account, can see before and after and see potential savings

Robert: 2021: spent \$6500 (budgeted \$30K) – still need to reimburse NYPA. But usage looks good on savings.

Do we want to join a pilot where CenHud can tap into our info and study output change when we decide to dim the lights. They’ll give us \$0.08/kwh. We are interested and will decide on this when more information is available. Provides savings, we have control of lights.

Denis: recalls we are paying for the rated lumens of the bulbs (vs if we dim it we’ll be charged less)

Bard would like a contact for maintenance; Robert is moving to that, the maintenance contract next.

Fast Charger

Allocation was made/ grant awarded to the Town, not the Village

Expected cost ~ \$153K for a two port fast charger

State exhausted their funds before they got to the VRH (VRH was submitted several weeks after Town’s)

There will be another round – Village should reapply / they are shovel ready for the next round

Pitched notion of moving award to Village; but if there’s another round let’s not mess with it

ADA compatible? Look into it; assume only striping needed? Let’s research and find best practices. Ask Brandi

Non Town chargers: Hannaford/Telsa fast chargers are visible at Hannaford. Denis asked about whether they might be compatible with non Tesla electric? Ans: maybe?

RHCS Budget Proposals – vote upcoming in Feb

School budget proposal: two props – one upgrades infrastructure (\$22M), second depending on first – Athletics upgrades (\$5M)

In particular upgrades to HVAC upgrades and HVAC controls to DDC

Laurie, Jen and Denis attended the information meeting and gave comments; Denis submitted his questions/ comments.

Laurie & Denis formally wrote follow up emails to Janet Warden (Superintendent), Bruce Martin (Budget Manager).

included link to NYSERDA audits and ECAP – they said they’d share with the architect and get back to us.

Ask them for a baseline energy audit (reimbursable / 75% cost share from NYSERDA)

Allow them to emphasize annual tax savings

Mtg end 6:05pm