

TOWN OF UNDERHILL ENERGY COMMITTEE
6:30 P.M. Wednesday, March 8, 2017
Meeting Minutes - Final

Present: Peter Bennett (PB), Nicole Bourassa (NB), Jerry Adams (JA), Tom Moore (TM), Bob Murphy (BM), Peter Duval (PD); quorum established.

Also present, Michael Oman and Tony Julianelle, Underhill residents, to talk about the Rt 36 Jeffersonville Commuter bus service.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Adjustments to Agenda:

Discussion of JETF meeting put off to time when participants are all present.
Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary rescheduled for April meeting.

Public comments

There were no public comments.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

February 8 meeting minutes were reviewed. PB said he believed, based on his notes, that the draft was inaccurate in that the motion regarding discussion of streetlight alternatives with the Selectboard would include not one but three possibilities:

1. Wait for better LED bulbs (lower K values) before accepting the GMP
2. Accept the offer, especially if there is no conversion charge with the knowledge that problem streetlights – determined after the installation – can be removed at the request of the town.
3. Determine costs and result of waiting before making a decision.

PD disagreed with this wording of the motion. Not resolved, but PB moved that changes be made in the minutes. Motion was passed by a 5 to 1 vote..

Streetlight LED conversion

PB reported that in conversations with a Green Mt Power operations manager it became apparent that 3000K LED bulbs were unlikely to be available from GMP for the foreseeable future.

He also reported that the Selectboard was presented with this information and with the three alternatives above and chose to go with accepting the offer. The Memorandum of Agreement with Efficiency Vermont was signed at the time and the Committee agreed to work with the Selectboard and Efficiency Vermont in carrying out the changes.

Rt 36 Jefferson Commuter Bus

There was extended discussion of the Selectboard's decision not to fund the bus service for FY 18. This was the most debated issue at Town Meeting the day before and it ended in a motion, which passed, to put \$5000 back in the budget as an indication of the town not dropping the issue completely.

Michael Oman (MO) and Tony Julianelle (TJ), both of whom spoke at length at the Town meeting, explored with the Committee how we might work with the Selectboard and other stakeholders to see if a viable compromise approach to the service might be worked out.

Mr. Oman, who is a transportation consultant with extensive experience, offered to work with the Committee in defining a process and pursuing it with the Selectboard and Green Mountain Transit.

The Committee passed a motion calling for PB and MO to explore with the Selectboard how to move forward on this.

Committee Operations

Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 12, 2017.

On motion by TM, meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8 p.m.

submitted by Peter Bennett

Approved by Energy Committee on April 12, 2017



Peter Bennett, Chair