

SPRINGFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Those attending J.Pugh, H. Whitcomb, G. McNaughton, D. Yesman, J. Ball. The press was also in attendance.

Carol Lighthall, director of Springfield on the move was present to talk about the new charging station for electric cars. She reported that GMP was anxious to move on this, that the town manager had requested an engineering plan and that there might be \$17,000 available in grant money from GMP to help power the charging station w solar panels. She will report back to John regarding the grant potential. She hoped that the station would be up and running prior to snowfall.

George McNaughton distributed to each committee member copies of the energy chapter found in the town plan. He also distributed copies of the Woodstock and Hartford plans as reference material. Committee members were encouraged to review and re-write the Springfield chapter for discussion at the September meeting. Our final goal is to create a chapter on energy for Springfield that promotes alternate energy projects and accompanying grant money.

A discussion took place re. streetlights on Main and River Streets. These lights are expensive to convert to LED's and they are owned by the town. John will consult with Efficiency VT. to see if there is grant money available for this conversion.

John and Mary Ann Remolador are meeting with the town manager next week to discuss the letter re. the town hall insulation project. This topic will appear as an agenda item for the next select board meeting. Dave mentioned that a major roadblock for this project might be emptying the attic of everything from WW I gas masks to the remains of former select board members. A suggestion was made that this might be a good community service project for high school athletic teams.

Dave Yesman suggested that the library should be the next project as it uses the most energy of any of the town's buildings. It has three heat sources and uses outdated lighting fixtures. This will be an agenda item for the Sept. meeting.

Finally, George McNaughton requested that a representative from the Green Lantern project be present at our next meeting to clarify "Cap and Collar" and to bring a legal opinion re. enterprise funds and the need or lack there of for a referendum vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Ball