

Citizens' Energy Challenge Committee  
Minutes of May 23,2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

Present: Members Nicholas Solitro, Richard Galipeau, Pierre Duval, and Denise Stetson; Juliana Berry, Town Planner.

A motion was made by D. Stetson, seconded by Galipeau, to approve the minutes of April 18, 2018. P. Duval abstained due to his absence on that day; the rest Ayes.

The discussion was a continuation of the use of the \$10,000 NGRID funds. J. Berry had worked with RISE, who performed the energy audit of the three municipal buildings (Town Hall, Police, DPW), to calculate the savings of each option.

The police station parking lot light option was discussed. Although the recommendation was for 6 poles, Chief Johnson indicated he only needed 4. He also had funds to complete the work above the grant award. The Town just purchased the property across the street from Town Hall next to Chariho Furniture, so the committee members asked if using the grant for the current police station was a good idea if the station may move soon. J. Berry relayed the Chief's opinion that the Town will likely use the new property for a community center because a new police station would be very expensive. [Chief Johnson arrived later in the meeting and confirmed that it is more likely that the Town will keep the police in the existing Wyoming building but move the senior center/community room to a new facility. He also confirmed that he had funds to complete the 4 light poles.] Four lights would cost approximately \$14,913.

There was not a lot of savings in the other building renovations; the best return on investment would be duct work in the police station. In addition to the pole lights and renovations, the NGRID grant could be used for the current street light purchase and transition to LED lighting known as PRISM.

The members discussed and ranked possible items as a recommendation to the Town Council:

1. Police light poles (4) with additional funds from the police department.
- 2.(a) Duct work on the police station, with the balance of the grant funds going towards the pole lights.
- (b) Duct work on the police station, with the balance of the grant going to street light purchase (PRISM).
3. Using the grant to purchase LED street lights in the PRISM contract.

A motion was made by R. Galipeau, seconded by N. Solitro, to approve the prioritized recommendations. All Ayes.

J. Berry will draft a recommendation for the June 5 Town Council meeting.

The committee discussed the need to meet moving forward since its purpose has been met. It will meet only if another meeting is necessary.

On a motion by Solitro, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

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Attested to by Denise L. Stetson, Secretary