**Energy  Committee**

August 10, 2017

Minutes

Present**:** Susan Fuller, Jim Ladd, Bruce McCracken, Jim Nupp, Jeff Ouellette

Absent:  Jim Rouillard

Opening Round:Checked in.

[Minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/12AhrMBnwtL5ujx7dW4wHzYaWTa8FjmjSUhE0naesoiY/edit): Approved from June 8, 2017

Progress toward the Energy Chapter: The beginning of the Master plan work is delayed pending the hiring of a consultant to help with the process and the work. The committee met with Kathy Barnard who clarified the reasons for the delay and the importance in making the chapters of the master plan structurally consistent with each other. She indicated that the master plan is still scheduled to be completed in 2018. The Energy Committee is ready and eager to help in any way it can to help with the preparations.

Debrief meeting with Barry Muccio: The committee agreed that the meeting was informative and constructive. A better understanding of the infrastructure, needs, and plans of the Electric Department was gained.

General Discussion: Centered around improving efficiency and the possibility of encouraging the largest six users of electricity (⅓ of total use) to reduce the amount of electricity needed to operate their facilities. The committee discussed what the overarching goal of the town might be for electricity. Although not finalized, the committee looked at the idea of the town becoming more or completely energy independent so that it is no longer as dependent on the results of shopping for the best electricity purchase rate. Routes to that goal include conservation, local production of renewable energy, and integration of new technologies.

Meeting with the Library Building Committee: The Library Building Committee requested suggestions about how to best deal with energy in the new construction. A number of suggestions and ideas were presented by the Energy Committee and some new ideas were “brainstormed” jointly by both committees. The Building Committee will present ideas to their architect and will continue communications with the Energy Committee.

(See additional minutes from Library Building Committee)

Next Meeting: 7:30 AM Friday, October 6, 2017 at the Library

9:00 AM Adjourn

Minutes by: Bruce McCracken