

Town of Kennebunk

NOTES (Summary Highlights & Decisions)

Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting – via ZOOM

April 28, 2021: 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Present: Staz, M&N Bartenhagen, Negley, Wolfson, Rist, Karytko, Dater.

MINUTES. Minutes for 2/25/21, 3/10/21, 3/24/21 and 4/15/21 as amended were approved.

SHIELDING OF KLPD LED FIXTURE INSTALLED AT THE FLETCHER ST. ROUNDABOUT

Over the past 10-12 weeks, multiple telephone and email requests were transmitted by Staz to KLPD's General Manager Shea to address and redress a substantial degree of light trespass into both the 1st and 2nd floors of the resident of a home at 53 Fletcher Street after KLPD workers removed a shielded HPS fixture and replaced it with an unshielded LED fixture. This historically unprecedented delay of customer service was relayed by Staz to S.B. Chair Baldwin, after which G.M. Shea promised to redress this resident's prolonged light intrusion problem straightaway.

MAYORS' CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVES

The Selectboard (S.B.) will meet Tuesday May 4th and discuss the town's posture on climate change activities. Wells' Energy Committee, for instance, has been given the authority by the town to do RFPs and make decisions for the town. In Kennebunk every town decision should be made in reference to climate change.

LED STREET LIGHT CVONVERSION

EEAC could report to the Town on May 11th on progress on the conversion. The EEAC will continue to seek a zoom meeting with Town Manager Pardue and S.B. Chair Baldwin to discuss difficulties with working with KLPD on the LED conversion. Karytko will find out from Chair Baldwin about a LED conference between all the principals and what to do to make it happen.

EEAC should be part of any town plan on the wording of the RFP and how it is carried-out before a S.B. report is done on the RFP wording and implementation program.

EEAC PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

EEAC should do articles in the Kennebunk Post on our activities including the Window Dressers program. What else should be in a Post article? The Town's Climate Action Plan should be presented with questions posed to the public on what is important to them. EEAC members are to send M. Bartenhagen priorities on climate change issues in town happening right now that could be part of an article.

OTHER

Historic Walligford Mansion on Rt. One needs rehabilitation. An evaluation of historic buildings, in general, in town needs evaluation including town buildings. For example, the central Fire Station and Town Hall may need expansion and the town has purchased, with taxpayer money, property behind the Police Station for possible development. The historic house on the property, facing Rt. One, has been sold out of the property. Citizen input, including EEAC's in May, is needed as part of the decisions on these matters. Such input could include energy efficiency measures for any new town buildings and facilities.

LOWER VILLAGE STREET LIGHTS

There needs to be communication between EEAC and KLPD on streetlight changes at Cooper's corner concerning the research EEAC has already done.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 12th at 3:30 by zoom.