

November 6, 2014

The Sterling Energy Committee meeting was called to order at 7:02 by First Selectman, Russell Gray.

Members' present-Frank Bood, Jon Turban, Rich McGarry, and Robert McLevy.

Staff present-Lincoln Cooper and Joyce Gustavson.

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Correspondence: Various energy efficient flyers were available for the Commission to review.

New Business:

a. Election of Offices (Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary): Nominations were opened for Chairman. J. Turban nominated Frank Bood. This was seconded by R. McLevy. There were no other nominations. All voted in favor of F. Bood as Chairman. Nominations were opened for Vice Chairman. F. Bood nominated Rich McGarry. This was seconded by J. Turban. There were no other nominations. All voted in favor of R. McGarry as Vice Chairman. Nominations were opened for Secretary. There were no nominations. Nominations for the position of secretary will be discussed at the next meeting.

b. Establish Meeting Schedule (Date, Time, and Place): Discussion was held on whether to hold bimonthly or monthly meetings. F. Bood made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry to hold monthly meetings the second (2nd) Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15 in the Town Hall Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Discussion on the Purpose of the Committee: L. Cooper reported that he had gone to an energy saving cost conference sponsored by CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities). A representative from Murtha and Cullina, Town's legal counsel, gave a presentation on different ways to reduce the cost of electricity and natural gas through strategic competitive energy purchasing from the purchasing of street lights to upgrading to LED technology, and providing turn-key maintenance services. F. Bood stated that the Commission needs to establish what we are going to do to save energy costs and what do we want to accomplish. R. Gray stated that the Town has signed on with Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P) to reduce energy consumption by twenty percent (20%) by 2018, including the Sterling Community School, the Town Garage, the Town Municipal Building and any other Town owned building. The Commission discussed the possibility of solar panels and geothermal. F. Bood stated that the Commission's first task is to assess the existing heating system at the Town Hall Building. The insulation in the ceiling, walls, and tunnel in the gym needs to be evaluated. Guest speakers will be invited to come in and discuss what resources are available to help the Town reduce energy costs and to see if the Town is eligible for any State grants for solar panels and prepare the paperwork for the bidding process.

Any Other Business: R. Gray reported that Siemens will come in on Monday to look at the thermostats and determine if there is a better way to control the ventilation. J. Turbin stated that the tubing gets dry and breaks off causing the thermostats to not register properly.

Adjournment: F. Book made a motion, seconded by J. Turban to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Administrative Clerk