



## Minutes

June 17, 2016

Present: Brendan Welch, Suzy Enos, Aubrey Jaffer, Chris Rabinowitz, Taissir Alani, Margot Fleishman  
Absent: Amy Lloyd, Carrie Sarno, Mark Mullins  
Minute taker: Suzy Enos  
Visitors: Michael Donnell, Dave Enos

Suzy called the meeting to order at 7:55pm. The meeting minutes were reviewed but needed changes. Suzy will send out the May and June minutes together.

### **Gas Bill Usage**

Taissir provided natural gas usage for all the town buildings for the last 6 years. We discussed how to use those bills to support the interest of reducing energy usage. It was also discussed where our efforts would be best put to use. Taissir highlighted electricity reduction would be best value for the town, so we will focus there.

Taissir mentioned Town Hall would be a pilot for motion sensors. It will be an on/off switch with a separate motion sensor on the wall. The estimate is ~\$20 per room. Assuming a positive result, the next target would be the high school.

### **Community Choice Aggregation**

Mark was to forward feedback from other CCA towns to Mr Reed to answer his concerns. Margot will check with Mark to see if that has been sent.

Margot will also ask Mark if he has the final set of comments for the Good Energy proposal. We need to finish our review of the RFP before we request town council to do a legal review.

Aubrey will ask the Environmental Voter project to help gauge interest from Bedford town citizens on which green energy options should be pursued as part of the CCA offerings. Aubrey moved to have the ETF approve the letter. Chris seconded. Approved 5-0-0. Text below.

Members of the Bedford Energy Task Force attended the Bedford Climate Coalition meeting on May 2 where Peter spoke. Bedford is in the process of putting together a Community Choice Aggregation and we need to determine how green our mix of energy suppliers should be.

In order to vote at Town Meeting, one must be a registered voter.



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Knowing what fraction of registered voters in Bedford are environmentally minded would help the Energy Task Force recommend a green/non-green split for CCA. Is this something which the Environmental Voter Project could help us with or recommend resources?

### **Behavioral Change Proposal**

Taissir met with Science Department leader Mike Griffin. Mike will summarize what the schools are doing today. He also wanted to clear with the union whether we could offer a stipend to teachers to help drive the program. Taissir and Mike will come up with a good program which will need to go in front of School Committee for approval.

### **Historic District Commission / Solar Panels**

HDC denied the First Parish application for solar panels, to the shock of many. First Parish will appeal to Middlesex Superior Court.

### **Municipal Solar**

A company approached the town about a solar farm in Chelmsford. Taissir has asked for a proposed contract for review. It would be a low risk power purchase agreement.

Taissir will reach out to Lexington to see if they want to use their Mass Solarize benefit or whether Bedford can use the Lexington allotment along with our own for a \$25k installation. Taissir would like to put on the concession stand. If there are additional panels, preference would be given for a school location to aid in sustainability education.

### **Street Light Update**

Patrick Roche at MAPC gave the direction to Brendan to talk to Ken Gordon about street light metering. Margot will talk to Ken.

### **New Business**

Brendan brought up a street light in front of the library that is on all day. Taissir will address.

There are flashing lights in front of the fire station that don't seem to be as efficient as they could be. Margot will ask Adrian. Aubrey noted that traffic signals use much less than street lights since they don't have to illuminate anything – you look directly at them to see the light.



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Mark and Carrie will no longer continue. Aubrey had graciously accepted the chairmanship of the ETF.

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be Wednesday August 17, 7:30pm. The task force voted for a summer vacation and will not hold a July meeting.

Margot moved to close the meeting, Brendan seconded. Approved 5-0-0.