

Energy Committee Minutes

Town of Fair Haven

October 7, 2014

Present: Herbert Durfee III, Bob Richards, Mike Stannard, Chris Stanton, Chris Cole

Absent: Neil Robinson, Pete Ruby,

Call to order (7:30 –Mike)

A Green mountain Power atlas was presented by Herb, and Light meters were turned into herb, for return to GMP. Each member presented their finding from our town wide lighting assessment. One evening of the assessment was done together on one block, and the downtown area, using light meters and other observations to come to consensus about how individuals should assess their own quad. We compared our observations of North Park place, Cearnarvan St., Pelkey Ave., Washington St., and the park and downtown and used the GMP inventory to assess, suggest additional lights, find dysfunctional lights, or remove lights.

Each member presented their finding, meter readings (in foot candles) and suggestions.

Because Herb had recently received notice that any changes in lighting we decide would call for a re draft and signing of our conversion agreement with EV, we then found consensus on whether the few redundant lights we discovered in our inventory warranted a set-back in the process and timeline in progress. Although Neil, Bob, and Chris Stanton's assessments did show concern for the adding of lighting on

Cemetery St., This-a-way / That-a-way, and Scotch Hill, we decided that was a separate issue to be dealt with by holding neighborhood meetings to get the input of residents, and could not be solved by disrupting the process in place. If changes are to be requested, they will be resident requested, based on the concern of committee members, to add lighting in areas of town. Bob Richards suggested we start that process soon, citing that he had some real concerns about safety and fairness of neighborhoods. We all agreed. A unanimous consensus to not interrupt the EV / GMP process and re draft agreement and keep current inventory as-is; to be replaced with LED technology by GMP. It was also noted by all members who visited communities like Poultney and Rutland, that lighting was better and more pleasant in said communities after conversion. Some of Mike Stannard's light meter readings on sidewalks in Rutland were higher than directly under high pressure sodium lights in Fair Haven, yet haze and light pollution to personal property seemed lessened.

Meeting adjourned (8:28)

Mike Stannard

Chairman, Energy Committee

Fair Haven, Vermont

