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TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE

272 Main Street

Townsend, Massachusetts, MA 01469

Brent R Carney, Chairman; Kathy Thompson, Vice-Chairman;
Michael Brown, Ph.D; Edward Hermann, Ron Montgomery

MARCH 20, 2019, 7:00 PM TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

- **Call the Meeting to Order:** Brent Carney (BC) called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Mike Brown (MB), Kathy Thompson (KT)(arrived at 7:29), Ron Montgomery (RM), and Ed Hermann (EH) were in attendance.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/23/19:** Motion by BC to table, second by EH. All in favor.
- **Public Forum:** None
- **Update on Green Community Grants:**
 - Discussion about all the grant projects. The lights that were installed at Hawthorne Brook and Spaulding. It was agreed that the lights at Hawthorne Brook were ok, but the lights at Spaulding did not meet Townsend's bylaws and did not meet the specs that were agreed to by this committee by unanimous motion. Brent directed to ask John Hume how to proceed with remediation on the lights.
- **Joint BOS/Energy Committee Meeting**
 - **Streetlight project update/discussion:** Brent gave an update on the streetlight project, and it was agreed to that the committee would appear in a joint session with the BOS.

High School Street Sign Energy Usage, Bylaw Violation Discussion (votes may be taken): General discussion about the sign at the new high school. Committee members voiced concern over the sign's brightness, glare, distraction to drivers, its energy usage, and that it did not meet bylaws. More than half the savings from changing over the streets lights is negated by this sign. Furthermore, a desired resolution was debated. It was discussed that the sign was:

- Against the spirit of what Townsend and Pepperrell Town meetings agreed to by voting to become Green Communities
- Street light savings negated - approximately 1/2 of total savings

- Approved without variance
- Glare for drivers (partly negated by turning it off by 9pm - if they are following this.
- **Discussion/Planing of 2019/2020 Energy Committee Education Initiatives:** It was agreed to that we should delay this discussion
- **Topics Not Reasonably Expected by the Chair 48 Hours Before the Meeting:** None
- **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by BC, second by MB, all voted in favor at 8:15 p.m.