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TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE
272 Main Street
Townsend, Massachusetts, MA 01469

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

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Virtual Meeting AGENDA
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 7:00pm

Rec'd Townsend Town Clerk
6 JAN '23 AM9:35

Join Zoom Meeting

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- **Call Meeting to Order:**
- **Consideration for approval, 11/02/2022 meeting Minutes submitted:**
- **Consideration for approval, 11/30/2022 meeting Minutes submitted:**
- **Report Status of On-going Green Communities Grant-funded Program, previously awarded grant work:**
 - >As of 12/20/2022 Karen Chapman still has not received invoices needed to close out the work we believe is completed at the schools. Determined MRPC deadline is 1/15/2023. Work still has to be inspected.
 - > Update?
- **Discuss Next Block, Green Communities Grant-funded Program:**
 - >RM returned our open opportunity ECM list (Excel) to Frank Davey at Rise with our priorities for updating our ECM quote. Will not be eligible to apply for new grant until past grant funds are used up. Discusson?
 - >Inquiry made: "Does Townsend qualify for GCGP "Special Projects Eligibility?" Special Eligibility requires 6 years in "Good Standing" in the GCGP and a minimum of 15% energy reduction over last 3 years.

12/1/2022 Karen Chapman at MRPC provided the following info:

"Townsend has a 7.45% reduction in energy usage since the baseline year of FY10, and 6% over the last 3 years, so no I guess Townsend does not qualify for "Special Projects". Townsend has been in good standing for at least 6 years though."

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Discuss Next Block, Green Communities Grant-funded Program:

>**Squanacook Elementary**, previously ineligible:

RM Inquiry made ref status of ES, TA answered 1/3/23:

"Squannacook is not used as a school by NMRSD, even though they own it. They use it as an admin building. The Town does not pay energy bills for this building."

○ **Energy Master Plan Development Subcommittee (EMPDS) Process Discussion:**

- Flexibility / adaptability baked into original suggested plan process. Desired makeup of the subcommittee desired representation has not changed.
BoS approved original plan. General order and details of process steps may need revision for approval as subcom proceeds. Suggest we resubmit execution steps if / as needed when better known.
Subcommittee members and Energy Committee to determine final process and plan to be Submitted to BoS before Town Meeting.
- EH researched how other towns handled getting Energy interests into their Master Plans. Others worked from a set of goals provided to the Departments / Committees so that the selected interest groups can embed supports for Town energy goals into their section of the Master Plan.
The approach has the advantage of having whole committees and Departments rather individuals representing them contribute to the development efforts while taking pressure off of finding volunteers.
The approach could present new challenges also.
- EH, Chair of SubCom determined that Townsend Energy goals need to be broader and more specific to fulfill the Goals of the Subcommittee.
(review)

Questions / Comments?

○ **Energy Master Plan Development Subcommittee (EMPDS) and Goals Discussion:**

- >Discuss / refine our list of goals, making it Townsend's own list to be submitted to the BoS for approval before sharing with the other groups.
- >Votes may be taken.

○ **Residential Energy Aggregation and Municipal Consolidation:**

- >Nothing new to report. Waiting for next steps.

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- **Topics not reasonably expected by chair 48 hours before the meeting:**
- **Open / Public forum:** None
- **Schedule Next Meeting:**
- **Adjournment:**