

Energy and sustainability committee

February 2, 2022.

Present: Rick Parker, Elisa Grammer, Chip Wallace

Solar site feasibility study on town properties. How much should we request for the warrant article? Rick will contact Cadmus for an estimate.

Rick mentioned creating a mechanism to use revenues from new energy projects to fund future improvements. We could help justify the money we are asking for with reference to the money coming in from related energy and sustainability activities.

Elisa will provide some model language related to setting up a revolving fund.

Chip will draft a warrant article for review in the next week.

New business. 1. The town has received notification about Green Communities funding. It was awarded \$5000 for a hybrid police vehicle but not awarded \$42,000 for a second controls upgrade in 1910.

Rick corresponded with the GC program, they are emphasizing projects that are more innovative and competitive. We should resubmit the same project at the next opportunity.

2. DPW needs to replace its current Ford Ranger pickup truck, it is on the capital improvement list. They intend to request an electric Ford F150 Lightning. Wayne is interested, his crew is supportive.

3. Maybe we should hold an Electric Vehicle Day in the spring, around town meeting on May 14. Several people come to mind who own electric vehicles who would be willing to show it to others.

4. Green Communities competitive grant. An announcement about the next grant round could come out any day now. If we could get the hybrid vehicle in time to close out that item before the next funding round application is due, we could request support for the Lightning, plus resubmit the controls upgrade. Rick will follow up with Neal Duffy to learn more.

Question from town resident Dirk. How is the town office building energy efficiency project working? Rick reported that it is working well. The DPW director is an enthusiastic supporter. Based on initial data it appears savings are greater than projected. Implementation involved fine tuning schedules, determining settings for off hours, other control adjustments. installation was completed in early July 2021. We will have good full year data in 4-5 months.