

August 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Call meeting to order

Roll call - all Committee members present

Staff present - A. Deci

John Berry move to approve July meeting minutes

Victor 2nd

AIF

LED Streetlights RFQ

Yvette introduced RFQ discussion and recapped the August 5, 2021 workshop with SB. SB has not yet sent feedback.

SB is thinking about what would the management of the lights entail and emergency response concerns.

Victor talked about conversations he had with the towns of Brunswick and Lisbon on their streetlight upgrades and reviewed his spreadsheet of streetlight costs.

The group discussed the status of decorative lights in the historic downtown area.

The group discussed how to make a financially compelling case to the SB -

- What additional equipment does/does not need to be purchased?
- Having all of the lighting infrastructure coordinated.

A. Deci said he would email out a summary of our efforts and proposed action for our review and comment.

The EC reviewed the draft RFQ document and discussed ways to clarify the intent.

N. Whatley move the RFQ forward, with existing language and additional edits to be managed by A. Deci, to incorporate information produced by Victor, and as reviewed/commented on by the committee.

2nd by V. Langelo

AIF

Climate Action Plan

Yvette gave an update on Climate Action Plan studies going on. There is a 10-year old plan that was created with the assistance of Bowdoin students. The town just completed a summer's worth of work with several Bowdoin interns. It would be less work on the town if we aimed to

utilize the summer internship program instead of the grant off-season. Will wait until the beginning of 2022 to revisit with town staff.

Car charging

J. Berry recapped an article on EVs that he sent around. It indicates that Topsham should only be looking at level 3 chargers and should be focusing them in the most heavily trafficked areas.

EV case studies request

Reviewed Nancy's letter requesting permission to reach out to Department heads to investigate electric vehicle options for town vehicles to be replaced in the next five years. The letter will be sent to the SB to make the formal written request.

Educational Sessions

Update that September's meeting will focus on the educational programming and we may have a facilitator join us.

Motion to adjourn

Nick 1st

John 2nd

AIF