

Call to Order: Bob Manners called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Others present: Selectboard members Rick LaPierre and Andrew Baker and Town Administrator Terry Narkewicz.

Appointments:

5:30 pm Tom Johnson, Energy Committee Chair RE: Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) Grant – The Energy Committee is asking for Selectboard approval to apply for a \$15,000 grant which would conduct site assessments to look at available energy resources, explore different technical options, and do economic and financial analyses of the Town Hall and Cowell Gym. There is no match required. The grant work would be done by Weston & Sampson and there should be no major involvement by town personnel. Bob said the concept was good but the board received the information only 24 hours ago leaving no time to study the application or formulate questions. Andrew felt a lot of work had already been done regarding the two buildings and didn't feel the gain would be much. Rick said he would not vote to approve the grant application, not liking the "hurry up" approach, among other things. Both Rick and Bob were opposed to placing solar on the membrane roofs of the two buildings. Tom Johnson said permission was being asked to get \$15,000 at no cost to the town and to get advice from experts. Rick was impressed by the amount of work done in a short period by Tricia Yacovone-Biagi to get the grant application together but said the grant comes up very year and the town could wait until next year. Tom said the grant does come up every year and it could be applied for every year. A motion as put forth by Rick to deny the request for the grant proposal to proceed. Roll call Vote: Rick – yes; Andrew – no; Bob – no. The motion failed 1-2-0. A motion was made by Andrew to authorize the submission of the grant. Roll call vote: Rick – no; Andrew – yes; Bob – yes. The motion passed 2-1-0. Bob said he would no longer tolerate this type of last minute proposals.

Correspondence:

Cynthia Boettner RE: Resignation as Energy Advocate for the MassSave Community First Partnership Grant – The Board praised the work and the amount of accomplishments Cynthia has done in the past two years and accepted the resignation as presented with regret. Two candidates for the position will soon be interviewed. Tom Johnson asked that Cynthia remain as a town employee in order to overlap with her replacement. The board agreed.

Any Other Business:

Moonlight Magic "Tree" – Moonlight Magic organizers have asked to installed strings of lights from the Town Hall balcony to the steps to simulate a tree. The board felt this would be a trip hazard and said only the balcony could be used or the group needs to find another location.

Next Meeting – The next Board meeting will be on November 20, at 5:30 pm via Zoom.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: At 6:17 a motion was made by Rick to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Andrew. Roll call vote: Andrew – yes; Rick – yes; Bob – yes. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Faye Whitney, Recording Secretary