

TOWN OF BEDFORD
November 19, 2020
ENERGY COMMISSION MINUTES

A meeting of the Bedford Energy Commission was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

Present: Tim Paradis (Chair), John Russell (Vice Chair), Denise Ricciardi (Town Council Liaison), Lori Radke (Town Council Alternate), John Schneller (School Board Liaison), Bill Foote (School Board Liaison Alternate), Andrew Gillis, Bing Lu, Bart Fromuth, Tom Elwood, Chris Bandazian.

I. Call to Order: Chairman Paradis opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Chairman Paradis read the following statement:

Due to the state of emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe this meeting which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's emergency order; however, in accordance with the emergency order I am confirming that: A) We are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access live on BCTV Comcast Channel 22, or streaming online by going to the town website and choosing "BCTV" under "Departments" and clicking on "Channel 22". We are utilizing an online platform called Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Commission have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform. The public can call into this meeting via the instructions that are being shown on the BCTV broadcast. We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using the telephone which is listed at the top of the agenda on the town website. If anybody has a problem accessing the meeting via the phone, please email us at bctv@bedfordtv.com. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote. Let's start the meeting by taking roll call attendance. When each member states their presence please also state whether there's also anyone in the room with you during this meeting which is required under The Right to Know Law: John Russell (alone); Denise Ricciardi (alone); John Schneller (alone); Bill Foote (alone); Andrew Gillis (alone); Bing Lu (alone); Lori Radke (alone); Bart Fromuth (alone); Tom Elwood (alone); Tim Paradis (alone), Chris Bandazian (alone).

II. Quorum Count: (5)

III. Approval of Minutes – October 22, 2020

MOTION by Mr. Schneller to approve the October 22, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Ms. Ricciardi. Roll call vote taken – All in favor – Motion Passed 7-0.

IV. Reports of Members and Committees

a. Legislative update

1. Clean Energy NH Bill Synopsis and 2020 Summary Webinar

A. <https://www.cleanenergynh.org/copy-of-energy-bills-1>

B. <https://www.cleanenergynh.org/policyupdates>

Ms. Ricciardi reported that it is an “in between moment” in the legislature right now. There are a list of bills coming up in session that are currently being drafted, but it is open for other bills to be added to the legislation. One big energy item that she knows will come up in some form is raising the cap for net metering (she doesn’t yet have the bill # for this because it is still being written and is in draft). In the past, the Governor had offered a compromise on the previous net metering bill which was rejected despite support from the solar industry. The net metering bill will now come back and be revisited.

Chairman Paradis noted that the Clean Energy NH website is starting to put some information out there, as to what might be on the docket.

Mr. Russell asked if there is anything the Energy Commission can do to give Ms. Ricciardi ammunition towards letting the legislature know that it is Bedford’s desire to proceed with a project if we could get 1.6MW approved at the transfer station. Ms. Ricciardi said if she were to sponsor or co-sponsor a bill it would not affect only Bedford and said she is certainly open to hearing all constituents’ passions and interests. She is currently getting sworn in and getting her feet wet before she would sponsor any bills.

Mr. Russell asked Mr. Fromuth on his thoughts on how the Energy Commission might be able to give Ms. Ricciardi impetus. Mr. Fromuth feels the battle lines on net metering are already pretty heavily drawn after 5-6 years of battling. He thinks there is a pretty good chance the cap could get raised this session, but probably not in the fashion of the previous bipartisan sponsored bills and some of the Democratic-led efforts had contemplated. Right now with the sub-1MW, the reimbursement rate is at the standard offer rate for the utility. The Governor’s compromise was largely championed by Mike Harrington and a few others in the House of Representatives on the Republican side. That bill breaks down to a reimbursement rate that is not tied to the utility rate, but to the wholesale rate; so, the problem from a project standpoint with tying it to the wholesale rate is that it’s going to create a tremendous uphill climb for a lot of developers trying to get their projects funded and have investments coming in. Wholesale rates right now are 2-3-cents per kWh, and Republicans are pushing for that because it is more market-based rather than subsidized. This doesn’t mean the bill is useless forever, but for right now we are in a marketplace where energy consumption is largely down because of coronavirus and businesses shutting down and the prices are suppressed because of lack of demand. Once the economy starts to ramp back up again, he thinks there will be utilization of the bill in that form and we will really start to see solar projects take off in the State up to the 5 MW threshold.

Chairman Paradis asked Mr. Bandazian for his thoughts since he used to track this legislation. Mr. Bandazian said that if she ever needs people to come and testify at a hearing for something she is advocating she has ready, willing, and able people in town. Not many people have availed

themselves of that, but by all means she should feel free to let us know when we could be of benefit. Ms. Ricciardi thanked him and said she would keep him apprised of everything because what he is suggesting would be very useful toward getting some things we would like to see passed.

b. School projects

1. Review Feasibility study items completed. Review update from Todd Zollman, Facilities Director for the Bedford School District sent to John and Tim.
2. Link to study to Energy Commission Website BedfordNH.org

Chairman Paradis shared information from an email from Todd Zollman, Facilities Director for the Bedford School District in regard to the school district's energy feasibility study done in 2018 and where we stand with some of the projects. Mr. Zollman said there are several active energy-saving projects for example, LED lighting; retrofits at Riddlebrook School which started about 1-week ago and which will start in December at Lurgio School; and natural gas conversions at the SAU office, McKelvie School (MIS), Lurgio and Bedford High School in Summer 2021. Nothing is planned yet for fiscal year 2022. It looks to Chairman Paradis that the school district is trying to do what they can in tackling some of the lower-end Cap-X projects and doing what they can over time. Hopefully, they will continue to make headway on the items mentioned in the energy feasibility study done in 2018.

Mr. Russell thinks since rates are so cheap and we have the Triple-A bond, now is the time to get a loan and he asked if there had been any discussion on this. Mr. Foote indicated there has not. He said that right now they are looking to bond the sprinkler system and do it at the cheapest tax-impact possible. There will not be a bond on top of the existing bond. We got the voter's temperature on energy projects and they did not want to do them, so the school district is doing the energy projects from maintenance as they come along. We really wanted to tackle the energy-pig that Riddlebrook School has become because of the high air exchange (but the high air exchange turns out to be beneficial in the Covid-19 situation). It leaves us in a better place health-wise than it does energy-wise. The equipment is still holding up, so we will cross that bridge when we come to it, Mr. Foote said. The schools are juggling a lot during the Covid-19 crisis and even had to hire from a custodial service because so many of their custodians were out due to Covid-19. Throwing another big project on their plate is probably not a good idea at the moment.

Ms. Radke asked the price tag on the sprinkler project. Mr. Foote said it would cost \$1.4 million. Ms. Radke asked if they would bond that or if they would plan on appropriations. Mr. Foote said they haven't crossed that bridge yet but are discussing bonding it at the moment. Mr. Schneller said they are also discussing whether it will be 10-year or 20-year financing. The life of the asset, and even the building, is 20-25-years, so they are currently discussing whether or not to fund something for 10-years that has a 20-year useful life. Chairman Paradis commented that there is a 70-basis points difference between a 10-year project and a 20-year project. He also commented that the Bedford schools' Triple A status should help too, because there is a significant gap between Triple A and Double A status schools.

Chairman Paradis would like to touch base with Dawn Boufford, Town of Bedford Executive Assistant, to get a link to the school feasibility study status on the Energy Commission website, so

it is easy for the public to find and track what is going on with it. Mr. Foote said it is also accessible to the public on the school webpage; however, they need to dig a little bit to find it.

V. Old Business

- a. Solsmart - www.thesolarfoundation.org
 1. Start with Bronze level
 2. Get on Town Council agenda for application

Ms. Radke reported that she brought Solsmart forward to Town Council last night. She provided them with a letter stating what the benefits of Solsmart would be for Bedford. Ms. Radke had spoken with a woman in the Community Development Department at the City of Keene who had gotten Keene Solsmart designation 18 months ago who was able to explain the process to her. The City of Keene has been pleased with the Solsmart organization and it even saved them money on a project they were working on because Solsmart was able to help them get funding and grants. She mentioned that Lebanon, NH also has Silver Solsmart designation. The Town Council was in agreement and gave us the nod to proceed with getting Solsmart designation, but once we get the paperwork done it is a requirement that Town Council review it and evaluate it and give us a designation based on points before we send it on.

Ms. Radke has a document that outlines step-by-step what we need to do. Once of the first things we will need to do is write a solar statement and get Energy Commission approval of it. Then we will have Town Council review it and send the documentation in to Solsmart. Solsmart has provided a sample of what a solar statement should look like. She will forward materials to Mr. Russell and Mr. Elwood so that they can all get to work on writing the solar statement. Next we would look at our zoning and send it to Solsmart for review. If we have good solar ordinances we will rank very high, but if we have anything missing they will let us know. Our goal, at this point, is to get Bronze level designation. After Lebanon and Keene, Bedford could be the third to get Solsmart designation which is exciting and which could be a point of differentiation for us.

- b. Electricity Usage - Town
 1. Charging stations

Mr. Fromuth feels we should get a couple of vendors to come in and discuss with the Energy Commission and Town Council our options for a charging station at the Riley baseball fields next to the high school. He said there are not a lot of rebates right now for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging, but the most appealing aspect of the charging stations is that the town or school district can network them so that they could charge usage fees that would be a return on investment so that the charging stations become self-funded over time. There has been a stark increase in electric vehicles on the road over the past couple years. Two million are on the road right now, and it is expected that number will jump to 8 million over the next 4-years. We will need the infrastructure to handle all of those vehicles when they take hold.

Mr. Gillis shared that if you want to put in a Tesla destination charger, Tesla will pay for it 100% (give you the charger and pay for the electrician to install it and run the underground conduit) because they want to increase their network. Up until know towns have been responsible for paying

for the electricity, but Tesla is starting a new project where you can set the rate and bill people to use the electricity. He's seen instances where Tesla installs their proprietary charger, and an additional non-Tesla charger gets attached to the back of the post alongside the Tesla charger. Bedford could basically get Tesla to install the chargers and it would cost them nothing, yet they would have the ability to monetize it by charging for the electricity to charge vehicles. Mr. Fromuth thinks it seems like a good idea adding the non-Tesla charger on the post.

Mr. Fromuth said typically for non-Tesla chargers there is a software and networking set-up that you sign up for that allows you to monitor usage, set the rate, and prevent people from parking in the charging space all day long and preventing others from using it by charging them penalty fees.

Mr. Schneller expressed his interest in pursuing this. Mr. Lu says with the technology moving so fast he feels we just need to be a little careful because right now everyone may be using different charging technologies, but in a few years more universal chargers to charge every type of car may be available at gas stations. Mr. Gillis said in Europe all the electric cars use the same charging set-up. It's only in America that Tesla uses a proprietary charger. He can't imagine that will last too much longer. Chairman Paradis thought it might make sense to have Tesla install the EV charging stations, and then in 5 years if the town has to pay a few hundred dollars to slap on a universal charger it is still cost advantageous to the town.

Mr. Fromuth said there are a lot of options out there. Because we have very cold winters in NH, you wouldn't want the charging lines left outside to potentially cause damage to the charging station; however, there are new charging stations out now that automatically retract the charging lines to keep them out of the weather. Since it takes considerable time to charge an electric vehicle, Mr. Bandazian asked if locations for the chargers had been considered. The group discussed some suggested places like the tennis courts, town lots, the baseball fields at Riley Field, and the schools where consumers would be there more than an hour or two. Mr. Fromuth added that the Town of Bedford may end up electrifying their municipal fleet and would need the infrastructure there to charge them. Having the conversation is worthwhile.

Chairman Paradis said there was minimal discussion of electric vehicle charging stations in the most recent 10-year Town Master Plan, but at last night's Town Council meeting they discussed funding for the next Master Plan and the benefit of doing one every 10-years given the changes in technology. Mr. Gillis said that Tesla and some other companies formed a lobbying group and their goal is to have all vehicles being produced be electric vehicles by 2030, which is 10 years from now. Obviously, there would still be gas cars on the road, but no new ones would be produced after 2030. They are getting some traction on it, and are considering making it into law.

c. Solar Farm at the Transfer Station – Mr. Russell had no updates.

Mr. Gillis says they are waiting for the approval of 5MW for net metering. He said that this week a big power company got approval for a big 30W commercial array on the border. He opined that if they can make that cost effective maybe we don't need the net metering rate, especially if we are only going to get a couple cents for it anyway. He said previously we thought we would need the net metering so that we could take power from the array and bring it to a school or other place that the town owns and not have to pay to transport it. The other option is to sell the power at the

wholesale rate which is only a few cents, but everybody could use it and you could build as big an array as you want.

d. Municipal Aggregation Cost Analysis and Presentation

1. Timeline for proposal on Town Council agenda before March voting day.
2. Lori check into with Chris Bandazian?

Chairman Paradis summarized that at last meeting we discussed municipal aggregation and Henry Herndon of Clean Energy NH thought we might be a little ahead of the game and if we were looking to 2022 we would be at the cutting edge compared to other towns. In discussions it came out that Bedford voters can only approve things once a year in March, so our timeline isn't as long as originally anticipated; therefore, there was discussion about the right time to bring the topic of municipal aggregation up. Ms. Radke was to work on our timeline.

Ms. Radke mentioned whether it should be on the official ballot or whether it would be a warrant article that gets voted on at the budgetary town meeting and were unsure about this. You could have a special election, but you would have to get approval for it and it costs money. She didn't think they have time to get it voted on for 2021, but could start having conversations and lay the groundwork with Town Council and members of the community as something to strive for in 2022.

Mr. Bandazian suggested seeing what Hanover or Keene does, and get a track record, because he doesn't think the public will react well to the Town Council telling them who their default electrical provider should be. Ms. Radke agreed. Mr. Bandazian said it is too unknown at the moment, but if there are some success stories then that would be the time for Bedford to get onboard. Mr. Fromuth said MA has 150 communities that have been doing this for years. The CA model is the most extreme where the communities essentially end up becoming their own power supplier and take the place of the 3rd party suppliers and are in charge of billing, administration and hedging, but they do a lot of cool deals with local renewable energy companies that they build into the midst. The MA model is simpler and very similar to the way we operate our contracts in town right now for the school district load. They contract with a 3rd party supplier for a fixed rate and they can put some renewable additive on top of that if they want to. He said Hanover and Lebanon, NH are in a joint action group and trying to build something more significant and complex. He thinks we should follow what they are doing, and maybe invite some people from MA up to talk to us. He agrees with Ms. Radke, however, that the timeline is too tight to get it voted on in 2021. It will be important to get our constituency on board, so if they are voting on it on voting day they know full well what they are voting on. Mr. Bandazian likes the idea of having someone from MA share with us what the virtues are. In 2017, it looked like there were 490 CCA's in IL vs. 110 CCA's in MA or 120 CCA's in OH, and Mr. Russell asked why IL is so far ahead. Mr. Fromuth said IL is on the cutting edge because they put actual smart meters behind every residential home in their big territories; so since 2011 IL has been offering the types of things that we hope CCA will get us to one day. The Mayor of Lebanon's big dream for CCA is to use it as a mechanism to get smart meters installed in every home and business across Lebanon so that they can manage demand, so they can shed their load to the off-peak and get a lower rate overall for the community. The meters currently on the sides of our houses have a digital read-out but they only tell us how much we have used over a course of a month, not when we used it. That's why Illinois is so cutting edge with the insight they receive from their smart meters.

Mr. Gillis asked about a timed use rate he saw on the Eversource website, but he was unsure if residences could sign up for that. Mr. Fromuth hasn't seen it in residential application. In order for that to happen a special time-use meter would have to be installed at your house. Mr. Foote said it was probably a dinosaur holdout from when they thought Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant would be able to power the whole State and people signed up for it in droves. Mr. Fromuth added that 5-6 years ago when Eversource upgraded their metering they got the "dumbest smart meters out there" that cannot be networked to a central hub of information. He said Governor Sununu signed Bill 197 on open-source data, and there is a lot of movement to change things, but are still years away. He thinks CCA will be a great mechanism to get that done faster.

Mr. Fromuth will reach out to his contact at MA Dept. of Public Utilities (DPU) to have a conversation with us either in person or over Zoom and has other contacts he could reach out to who could discuss their experience with the Energy Commission.

VI. New Business

Chairman Paradis shared that Mr. Bandazian is back serving on the Energy Commission again. Mr. Bandazian shared a PDF of proposed energy projects he thinks we could work on with low-effort and Chairman Paradis asked him to share his ideas so that we could begin working on them in December and into 2021. Mr. Bandazian noted that Department Heads would have to let us know if they are interested in pursuing any of these things:

- 1) **Public Works Highway Garage PV Vehicle Port/Shelter(s)** - In our RFP on land use there is another project that could be done by a bidder - a vehicle port for the Public Works garage. This is something that is badly needed. We have millions of dollars of equipment sitting out in the weather rusting away and there is a lot that could be done to improve this. Mr. Bandazian could edit the existing RFP in about an hour, and it would take DPW 1-2 hours to do their part of the RFP, then we could open the RFP and see what kind of response we get. There are beautiful examples of natural wood supports for semi-truck PV vehicle ports. It's low effort to see what the interest would be in this project. This could be used at the Public Works garage or Legacy Field without potential fancy electrical upgrades. We would be in this building long enough to benefit on any improvements we may be able to realize.
- 2) **Highway Garage Building Envelope Improvements** – We had a study done in 2011, and it does not work well. There are ice dams and it leaks heat. We have added heat tape, which increased the electricity use. This is a building we will be in for a long time and there are not any fancy finishes on the inside of the building.
- 3) **Town Office Building Envelope Improvements** – We looked at the Town Office envelope in 2009 as part of the American's Recovery Act Grant application. It benchmarks pretty good according to the EPA portfolio benchmarks, but it is one of the simplest buildings to improve. There is no vapor barrier in the insulation for much of the building. It could be funded through the Smart Start Program. This program pays 50% of the engineering involved and the first \$50,000 of the project. It would be worth having an engineer look at it. You don't see snow on the front of the building, and structurally it has to leak heat enough not to have a snow load.

- 4) **Safety Complex Building Envelope Improvements** – A study was done in 2011 and it benchmarks significantly below similar buildings. The envelope is not great, but it's a difficult building to find solutions for. The exterior walls are masonry veneer and has to be clad with some exterior material. There is some insulation in the roof, but he is unsure of how much, but we do know it performs very poorly. What brings it below the median benchmark is its hot weather performance. There is a huge air conditioning spike and seasonal energy usage. If we were to tackle that, we may get some good benefit. An engineering study needs to be done.
- 5) **Town Hall Oil Fired Furnace Replacement** – This would be one of the more difficult projects. Town Hall has two oil-fired furnaces that are 30-years old and could be replaced in kind and maintained. They have huge, long metal flues to the chimney. They meet the 80% EPA requirement for oil-fired furnaces. We would have plenty of time to look into this project, because it is not going to happen overnight. There is a well on the property that is not in use anymore. If it is a 50-foot well, it wouldn't have geothermal value, but if it was a 500-foot well it would. It would take very little effort to research the measurements and the specs of the well. Perhaps we could look to replace at least part of the system with geothermal.
- 6) **Town Pool PV Shade/Shelter** – We talked about creating a shade cover that also doubles as a solar array. The first step would be going to Parks and Recreation to see if they are interested and if they have plans for their land. If they are open to it, we would do an RFP. It definitely is a big consumer of electricity, so it would be nice to have some sort of offset.
- 7) **Transfer Station PV and Lease** – Getting power all the way down Chubbuck Road would be expensive, which is a huge barrier, but perhaps in time the cost may come down. There is not anything we can do right now, but we may want to keep it on the list.

Mr. Bandazian stated that some of these projects, would compete with each other and you couldn't do them all in one year. They would have to be rolled out. We would need to talk to Department Heads and prioritize in what order each building gets done. The order he has presented these projects is the order he would put them in according to ease and importance of the project. He really suggests starting with the highway garage and sheltering the vehicles. Mr. Gillis said he really likes the idea of carports and he shared that double-sided solar panels are now virtually the same price as single-sided panels. When a solar panel is 10-feet off the ground you get reflected light from the ground and you get a 10% increase in efficiency from the same size panel because you are generating power on the back as well as the front; so all these carports work in the same manner as if you built a shade shelter. At the town pool they could be made double-sided and really get a lot of power out of it at little cost.

Chairman Paradis asked the process to begin tackling the items on Mr. Bandazian's list. Mr. Bandazian said you would need to contact the department and also have the Town Council on board. He does not think the DPW Garage is a hard sell based on conversations he's already had with Bill Dermody, Jim Stanford, and Jeff Foote. We have a \$400,000 vacuum truck to maintain the sewers that just sits out in the rain which causes a reduction in the useful life of the vehicle and increases the maintenance costs. In the winters it also gets slippery so having it sheltered would make for a safer work environment and less likely for workers to slip and get hurt. If the deal requires an appropriation it would have to be done in a budget cycle and we would use capital

reserves or money from the DPW and that is a 4-year budget cycle. Mr. Bandazian does not think that would happen now.

Ms. Radke said she could not agree more with Mr. Bandazian about working on the DPW garage to store vehicles. She asked if it would be fully covered by the program he mentioned, or if we would need to appropriate for it, because we are in the middle of that right now and there was discussion about putting together a facility plan to address all of the needs including police, fire, DPW, and Town Hall. Unfortunately, we are just about at that time *right now* to present that to the voters. If it doesn't require appropriations, she asked if this is something that we can accomplish using grant money. Mr. Bandazian said that we won't know until Jeff Foote and Emile mark up the satellite view of the garage with little squares so we know what area we are talking about, because the bigger the area the more the project will support itself with whoever the vendor is and generate a lot of electricity. If they can make a lot of money they will not need additional contribution. If DPW feels it should only be a small area, it may not be a viable project.

Ms. Ricciardi feels it makes the most sense to begin with the Town pool because it is a smaller project that has bigger potential for net meter sales because of the proximity to necessary wiring. There would be no staff help in the initial stages. In looking at the DPW Highway Garage PV Vehicle Port/Shelter(s), Ms. Ricciardi stated she would like to know who would be doing the initial design work of the shelter including the PV panels and where would these funds be coming from. Mr. Bandazian said the funds would come from the vendor.

Ms. Ricciardi asked about his mention of the reserve of appropriations of totaling \$5-9K. Mr. Bandazian said that would depend on the project. Ms. Ricciardi said she went to Eversource and looked up the Municipal Smart Start program. Her takeaway was that it is a loan that gets repaid through savings, which makes sense. The type of program and the amount available was not completely spelled out, so she asked for explanation. Mr. Bandazian stated that they have a program for building envelope improvements, though it is not something that gets financed on the bill. It is an efficiency rebate. Bedford has gotten these efficiency rebates before when the town did the geothermal system for the library. Nothing was financed; they gave us \$50,000. We have also gotten these efficiency rebates multiple times at BCTV. He stressed that there is no guarantee these programs are still going to be around very long. Ms. Radke thought it may be something Solsmart would help with. She said Keene was trying to do something similar and Solsmart stepped in and helped with some of the funding. She may disagree with Ms. Ricciardi a little bit because the trucks that we've put so much money into at the DPW certainly need to be protected and she would 100% support that being done either this year or next year. Ms. Ricciardi said that she doesn't want to deviate from the Town Council's facilities plan without talking to all the other Town Council members. Ms. Radke absolutely agreed but she likes the ideas raised on Mr. Bandazian's list and feels we should do more research on it.

Chairman Paradis asked if the first steps for the DPW Garage and the Town Pool covering would be to reach out to Jeff Foote and Parks and Recreation to see if it was something they even had interest in. Mr. Bandazian confirmed Jeff Foote and Parks and Recreation would be who you would want to talk to. Ms. Radke asked if the Town Council needs to discuss this before we go to Department Heads. She's thinking Town Council may need to know what the Energy Commission is doing first, and we may need to get their approval and get them on board with the project, similar

to what she did with Solsmart. Mr. Bandazian feels the first step is finding out if there is even any interest on the part of the departments/organization that controls the use of the land or sets the policy for the use of the land. If he were on the Town Council he would be deferential to what DPW wanted. If DPW says, “We’re not interested,” that would be the end of the inquiry. Ms. Radke doesn’t feel it hurts to have a conversation with them first to let them know what we are thinking about and to find out their thoughts. Ms. Ricciardi said we know that DPW is interested, but Town Council has prioritized their facilities already. Mr. Bandazian said he has worked on facilities for 9-years and said he is pretty cynical about hitting these peak years where road bond debt is at its maximum. Ms. Radke said in the next 2-years you might be seeing a bond to address all of our facilities because previous boards have worked very hard to get that, and there was even a facilities study done. She said it is important that we do it right and present a plan that makes sense to the legislative body that is fiscally responsible and that is what we are trying to do right now. Mr. Bandazian said that one of the reasons the Safety Complex is such a difficult building is because functionally it has so many deficiencies. Chairman Paradis said his thought is similar to Mr. Bandazian. We know how busy Town Council is, so gauging the interest from the departments with a quick conversation doesn’t hurt before we go to Town Council before getting any approval from them to act in that capacity. He will circle back with Mr. Bandazian on those projects so they can begin working on them.

VII. Reminders: Next upcoming meeting is December 17, 2020. It is moved forward one week due to the holidays.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Gillis at 8:26 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Russell. Roll call vote: John Russell-aye, Denise Ricciardi-aye, John Schneller-aye, Bill Foote-aye, Andrew Gillis-aye, Bing Lu-aye, Lori Radke-aye, Bart Fromuth-aye, Tom Elwood-aye, Tim Paradis-aye, Chris Bandazian-aye.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tiffany Lewis