

**New Shoreham Town Council Meeting
Town Hall, Old Town Road
Monday January 31, 2011
8:00 a.m.**

Present: First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Raymond J. Torrey, Council members Peter B. Baute and Kenneth C. Lacoste. Also present: Jeff Broadhead and Maura Sayre of the Washington County Regional Planning Council; John Kauppinen, Mark Mullins and Jose Ramos of Noresco; Town Manager Nancy Dodge; and Deputy Town Clerk Millicent McGinnes for the recording of minutes. Council member Richard P. Martin was absent.

First Warden Gaffett called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Receive and Act on of \$750,000 Energy Grant (via Washington County Regional Planning Council)

Jeff Broadhead of the Washington County Regional Planning Council (WCRPC) explained the status of the \$750,000 wind power grant, highlighting the following:

- The grant can only be used for wind power and can not be converted to cover a solar project.
- The grant can only cover 25% of the entire project, therefore the entire project must be at least 3 million dollars.
- The grant has been reconfigured into two parts to allow one part to be used for a development study. A budget for the development study must be drawn up as soon as possible.
- The grant expires March 2012 and the funds must be expended by that time.
- The WECS site may be situated on a municipal or a privately owned property.

Ms. Gaffett made a motion to pursue the grant funding further and ask the Electric Utility Task Force and the Town Manager to develop the budget process for the development study portion of the grant. Dr. Baute seconded the motion and it carried.

4 Ayes (Gaffett, Torrey, Baute, Lacoste) 0 Nays 1 Absent (Martin)

Meet with Representatives of Washington County Regional Planning Council and Noresco (an energy service provider)

Mr. Broadhead explained that the ESCO contract for providing municipalities in Washington County with energy performance contracts was granted to Noresco. John Kauppinen of Noresco reviewed the company's history in the industry. He then explained that they would be conducting scoping energy audits of town hall, school, library, fire barn, rescue barn, medical center, and water and sewer department buildings today to identify potentially viable energy savings. If they find projects that can have a substantial savings, they will develop an audit agreement. If the Town chooses to accept the agreement, a detailed audit would commence and energy savings projects would be identified which would then be financed by Noresco and paid over time by the Town through the energy savings. Noresco will guarantee the savings will cover the costs of the project. The Town would be liable for paying the costs of the detailed audits, if the performance contracts were not initiated. It was noted that if performance contracts are feasible, agreements would be presented in about two months.

Mr. Broadhead distributed a preliminary draft energy report for the school and town buildings. He also explained that his team would strictly review any agreements between the Town and Nesco.

Mr. Lacoste questioned how costs would be estimated when the electricity source (home generation vs. cable) is unknown.

Ms. Gaffett thanked everyone for attending and acknowledged Town Manager Assistant Shirleyne Gubern for her help and resident Stanley Nyzio for the breakfast treats.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Lacoste made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Gaffett seconded with all in favor.

Millicent McGinnes

Deputy Town Clerk

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