

Bennington Energy Committee  
July 6, 2016

Attendance:

Molly Eppig  
Peter Eppig  
Peter Martel  
David McKenzie  
Mike Munhall  
Cathy Joly

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM.

Mike Munhall contacted Paul Houseman of Eversource to ask about the \$100/fixture incentive. Is it still available and how do we apply? He has not heard back.

Peter Eppig reported that what is required in a grant proposal from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is a simple letter. Laura Raucher of NHCF will contact chairman McKenzie to explain further. The NHCF provides matching grants up to a maximum of \$5000. Peter Eppig explained that "matching" means that the grant will match whatever the town actually puts out, not including grants and gifts from other sources.

Mike Munhall reported that two large poles have been erected at the crosswalk at the intersection of Bible Hill Road, Main Street, and Eaton Avenue. He noted that there is already a light a little further down Antrim Road. He will contact Kevin Gagne, the Manager of the Transportation Enhancement Project, to find out what lighting is required at intersections.

Peter Martel volunteered to tour the town's streetlights after dark to make a preliminary list of those that could be eliminated or reduced in output (lumens). Mike Munhall will join him on Thursday, July 7. All committee members should look at the map prepared for the Select Board presentation to see what might be done.

Mike Munhall has contacted Steve Lieber at affinity lighting for guidance on issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for changing over the town's streetlights to LED's. Mr. Lieber is currently working with two other towns and will help Bennington after he finishes with them, using experience gained from these earlier RFP's.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Recorded by David McKenzie