

Pembroke Energy Committee Meeting  
October 21, 2015, Pembroke Town Hall

Present: Dan Crean, Jay Smith, Pentti Aalto, David Sheldon; excused Bob Samson. Also present was Town Administrator David Jodoin.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30.

The Committee discussed the proposals submitted by the vendors for conversion of the “Amoskeag” post lamps and the parking lot lights in the Suncook Village and on the two bridges over the Suncook River, along with the performance of the vendors who installed demonstration lights. The Committee also briefly discussed future projects.

At 7:00, the Committee invited comments from the public attendees, James Garvin and Larry Perron. Mr. Garvin first described the review and comments discussed by the Meet Me in Suncook group, noting there was generally favorable reaction to the demonstration lights and the conversion project – while noting that there also was some concern about visibility and potential glare. There was no clear preference for the 4000K or 2700K demonstration lights, though some members did favor the whiter light of the 4000K light.

Larry Perron spoke to the history of lights in the Village, noting that there was an initial concern centering on whether the fixtures themselves were being replaced. That concern had been addressed when it was made known the project would replace only the lamps and the intent was to clean and reuse the current lamp housings. There also had been concern about potential disruption to residents on second floor apartments, but the height of the poles and the downward direction of the lighting should eliminate those concerns.

At 7:30, the public input session ended and the Committee began deliberations on the recommendation to be made to the Board of Selectmen. David Sheldon moved with Pentti Aalto seconding, that the Committee recommend the LighTec proposal. Discussion ensued on the cost differences and some apparent discrepancies in the quote details provided by Independent Electric Supply. The motion was amended to have the Chair contact both vendors: IES for clarification and LighTec for possible ways to reduce its cost. Once that information is obtained the Committee will confirm or alter its recommendation.

On other business, on the motion of Jay Smith, seconded by Pentti Aalto, the Committee voted to ask the Selectmen to contact the legislation delegation to support legislation to increase the cap on net metering so that more projects (like what we would like to look into in the future) will be viable on an ongoing basis.

The Committee also discussed options for solar lighting for the area behind the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Dan Crean