

# ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center

August 7, 2014

## MINUTES

**Present:** Bill Cratty, Chairman; Mark Anderson, Fred Zalcman, Bill Hillman, Randi Oisher, and Selectman Richard Straiton were in attendance. Members not present: Keith Watson, Gary Pedone and Hank Karl

Chairman Bill Cratty called the meeting to order at 7:40, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no Public Input

Minutes of June 5, 2014 were approved with a motion by B. Hillman and seconded by Ms. Oisher. Motion carried unanimously.

### Performance Contracting Project Status

Mr. Steve Weisman, from Peregrine, gave an update of their review of Ameresco's Investment Grade Audit. A presentation had been given previously in the morning to Town of Bethel and Board of Education facility personnel. (See Attached). An analysis of the audit has been done and now they are waiting for Atty. Lawlor to complete his review of the contract. Certain items still need clarification and there will be some revisions made. Such as - adding the installation of new boilers for the Municipal Center and Eureka Water Treatment plant. It is suggested that these items be done in Phase I and the rest of the work in Phase II. There is a need for this work to be completed prior to the cold weather of 2014.

A meeting will be scheduled with the Town and Board of Education with their personnel and the vendors who service all the control systems. It is very important that all systems be able to interface with each other.

Mr. Cratty advised the final step is to work with the Town Comptroller to finalize the financing for this project.

### Solar Project Update

The Town is waiting for the results of the bid. This information should be available within the next few weeks.

New Business - none

There being no further business to come before the Committee, meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sharon J. Straiton

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**Informational Meeting**  
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**Informational meeting with Peregrine, Town officials, and Board of Education facilities personnel to review an appraisal of the Investment Grade Audit by Ameresco.**

Present: Bill Cratty, Acting First Selectman Rich Straiton, Town Engineer Andrew Morosky, Board of Education personnel Terry Yonsky, Director of Financial Services and Bob Germinaro, Director of Facility Operations.

Representing Peregrine were Steve Weisman, and Kay Hurd.

The meeting began with the discussion of the need to proceed with new boilers at the Municipal due to the time frame of the work beginning and the condition of the boilers. Also urgent was the Eureka Water Treatment plant boiler and heaters. It was determined that this would become phase I of the performance contract. Everything else will be done in phase II.

Concerns of Peregrine personnel were:

1. Lengthy discussion regarding the EUI (Energy Unit Index) from the audit. It appears in many cases the savings appears to be very aggressive, and the scheduling hours did not appear to be always accurate.
2. Lighting in town and school buildings, motion sensors, HVAC's working properly, system testing, software needs work. (A meeting will be scheduled with Mr. Germinaro, the programming consultant, Town officials, Ameresco and Peregrine to discuss the need to integrate all systems of the town and the schools)
3. Other Town buildings were discussed on many of the same issues.

It was suggested that a discussion with Ameresco and their engineering assumptions be discussed, along with M & V (measurements and verifications).

After another meeting with the Energy Conservation Committee, representative from Peregrine will meet with Ameresco to discuss the input from these two meetings.