

**MADISON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF MADISON  
APPROVED MINUTES  
THURSDAY JANUARY 19, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER - ATTENDANCE:**

Noreen Downs, Co-Chair - Present

Russ Dowd Co-Chair - Present

Russ Lanoie - Present

Bob King - Excused

Nicole Nordland - Present

Bruce Kennedy - Excused

Ken Eckhardt - Present

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Mrs. Downs welcomed everyone asked if there are any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Russ Dowd motioned to approve the agenda and Russ Lanoie seconded the motion. All approved.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 2016 MINUTES-**

The Minutes will be approved at the next meeting, March 16, 2017.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**OLD BUSINESS -**

Mrs. Downs asked Ken Eckhardt for an update on the Outside Lighting project and the school boiler situation:

**Outside Lighting** - The company which was originally chosen has not been able to produce/procure the necessary equipment required to do the project. Ken received an email from the company indicating that that progress should be back on track; however, Ken is not convinced and suggested that the School Board hold off and roll this outside lighting project into the Performance Contract. This company has been given enough time and Ken feels that under the Performance Contract, the project has a better chance of being completed.

**Boilers** - Mrs. Downs stated that at the last school board on December 21, 2016, the MEAC did its best to keep the purchase of the boilers to one boiler. Mr. Eckhardt reported that it was decided to buy/install two boilers, which have been installed and are up & running.

**Siemens Performance Contract Update -**

Mrs. Downs gave an update on the Siemens Performance Contract Presentation from their last meeting on December 15, 2016. Elmer Arbogast of Siemens visited the Madison School, Madison Town Offices and the Tamworth Brett School during the week of January 8-15, 2017. The Freedom School was not interested in having Siemens visit them and felt that their controls had been upgraded a few years ago; however, Mr. Arbogast did do a drive-by and because of his background with schools, he was able to assess the Freedom situation. He suggested doing a "Performance Contract 101" (PC101) presentation for the SAU so they completely understand the scope and benefits of this program.

Mr. Arbogast did a rough timeline from now through 2018:

February - a high-level report would be ready to present to the SAU and the Madison, Tamworth and Freedom School Boards. The lifecycle of the equipment is prime for this type of a Performance Contract.

March - there should be some 'PC 101' education to understand the benefits.

April - any issues would be ironed out.

May - a generic RFQ be introduced as there are other Performance Companies who may want to bid on this project.

June - would be set aside for interviewing the companies who present a bid.

July - a selection would be made.

August - is dedicated to doing a full energy audit of the schools and the Town buildings.

September - will be for working with the PUC and looking for grants/funding.

October - a preliminary list of facilities will be submitted for improvement measures to Eversource.

November/December - a review of the final design.

January 2018 - the School Boards give final approval.

February - School Boards vote on project financing.

March - a formal presentation given at Town Meeting.

April - a formal contract signed and construction begins.

Mr. Dowd stated that with Siemens solicitation, this timeline should really be considered as a reasonable roadmap. Mr. Arbogast has dealt with many kinds of school systems and this is a very pragmatic approach. Having this project at an SAU level may also give it enough critical mass to make it worthwhile.

Mr. Lanoie asked who gets the grants. Mrs. Downs stated that Siemens does all the legwork obtaining the grants.

There was a discussion of how to capture all the energy invoices/usage from the SAU and Town. For the upcoming Town Meeting, there are no warrant articles for this.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Town Report**

-Mrs. Downs wrote the MEAC Town Report, which includes what their mission is and what is the scope of Performance Contracting. Mrs. Downs will request that a page in the Town Report be dedicated to MEAC and some of the links for different energy reports can be included. If residents in Town do not have Internet access to view these reports, they can go to the library.

Mr. Lanoie stated that the report as written is easily understood.

Mr. Dowd reminded them that this committee has been together for 2 years.

### **Re-Appointment of Committee**

-Mrs. Downs stated that the MEAC committee was appointed by the Selectmen through 2016 and asked if they wanted to have their commission extended. She suggested that they continue at least through the end of the Performance Contract as facilitators. Mr. Dowd stated that it is important that the MEAC exists as they all have statewide contacts with energy groups.

Mrs. Nordland asked who would have the liaison position to MEAC. Mr. Dowd stated that it would be both the School Board and the Board of Selectmen; although the school is the largest consumer of energy in the Town. Mrs. Downs suggested that the Selectmen be asked to extend their appointments. All agreed and Mrs. Downs will draft a letter to the Selectmen.

**Next Meeting**

Mr. Dowd suggested meeting quarterly. All agreed and the next meeting will be March 16, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT -**

Mrs. Downs made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Dowd moved and Mr. Lanoie seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen King  
Land Use Administrator