

Minutes of Prudential Committee Meeting
March 30, 2021

Present: David Zamojski, Chairman, Prudential Committee
John Greene, Prudential Committee
Todd O'Brien, Prudential Committee
Eileen Tela, District Accountant
George Woodbury, Lightsmart Energy Consultant
Christopher Mason, Montague Energy Committee

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and was held through ZOOM.

Streetlights - George noted that the Cree Traveyo is a very good choice of lighting. Discussion followed about whether we should go with 3000 kelvins and some 4K's. Speaking through his experience with Northampton, Chris thinks that the 3K will be a remarkable upgrade from our current lights, and if we have any complaints it would be about the 4k, so he recommends only the 3K. George explained that the lights all have an adjustment for brightness, so we can increase brightness in areas where needed. It was decided that we would go with all 3K's.

George also spoke about other possible liabilities that we could expose ourselves to. We do not currently have a lighting ordinance, and he does not recommend adopting one. Part of the installation process is checking wiring and making sure the mast is secure and making necessary repairs if needed at the time the new lights are installed, since we will be responsible for the masts and the lights on the utility poles, and also some poles as well if they are there only for the purpose of lights.

He noted that we must go through a public process to remove lights and that we are allowed to remove a percentage of lights every year, no cost. George can update the GIS map with lights to be removed. George did note that he recommends a small dollar amount for a budgeted line item for unusual expenses. Chris noted that Northampton's National Grid utility company is replacing poles and that the city must move the attached lights, a cost that was unexpected. However in our area, Eversource is already replacing a large number of poles, before our purchase.

We will move forward with the purchase/sale agreement with Eversource and George will start to work on the design to prepare the bid request for the LED lights.

Eileen will provide another list of possible turnoffs shortly.

George and Chris left the meeting.

New ambulance - David noted that there is a slight glitch with the ambulance purchase because the leasing company had made an error in their calculation. It was decided to go with a stock unit and to forgo the Lifepack 15 this year. The Chief and the crew are okay with this.

Next regular meeting scheduled for May 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.