

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022 7:00 PM

Members Present: Anne Mazar, Barry Iadarola, Peter Coffin, Carolyn Barthel and Frank Niro.

1. Barry Iadarola made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Land Use Committee meeting. **Frank Niro seconded the motion which was voted unanimously.**
2. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) – Anne Mazar reported that the project is progressing. There will be a sign posted in front of town hall including some landscaping. The design phase of the project was funded by a MVP grant of \$170,000.00. The Town Hall Campus will include a new well, green stormwater infrastructure and landscaping. **Peter Coffin made a motion to approve \$105 from the LUC Account to pay for the sign, Barry Iadarola seconded the motion which voted unanimously.**
3. Morrison Drive and Milford Street – Discussion tabled until there is more information on these parcels.
4. Survey of Open Space Areas – Anne Mazar reported that surveying will take place at the George Street, Morrison Dr., and Inman Hill to define the borders of the town owned open space areas.
5. Green Electrical Aggregation – Carolyn reported the Department of Public Utilities must approve the Aggregation. DPU has not yet responded. DPU has approved six (6) towns as of the end of December. Good Energy is the broker for these other towns. ISO New England is the grid operator. Mazar said the goal was to have the automatic electric from National Grid to be greener and equal to or less expensive than NG regular rate. It would be an opt out program, but there would be publicizing of this fact before the change. **Peter Coffin made a motion that the LUC write a letter to State Representatives Brian Murray and Ryan Fattman and ask them to contact DPU to inquire why they have not acted on Mendon's request. Frank Niro seconded the motion which was voted unanimously.**
6. Solarize Mass Plans – Anne Mazar reported that Mendon is eligible for a 25K solar array for a non-profit organization because the town surpassed its solar threshold in the Solarize Mass Plus program. Anne intends to contact the school system to inquire about their solar needs. Anne commented that the schools roofs would need replacement to install panel, unless the panels were able to be ground mounted.

7. Green Communities Act Projects – Energy efficiency projects are being looked at for hybrid police cars, Miscoe School and Town Hall.
8. Other Business – Anne Mazar reported that Mr. Afonso had not submitted plans to the Conservation Commission for the remediation of the encroachment onto the open space from the Pond View Estates subdivision. Emily Petro is the new Con Com agent. It was suggested that a letter from the Con Com be sent to Afonso informing him of the need to submit a plan.

Barry Iadarola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM, Niro seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne Mazar