



Energy Improvement District
Hank Ashforth – Chairman
Robert Hartt
Michael Pollard
Polly Rauh
Joel Selden

Energy Improvement District
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, Connecticut 06901

Minutes for February 18, 2014 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

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Hank Ashforth - Chairman
Bob Hartt
Polly Rauh
Joel Selden (via phone)

Michael Pollard - Absent

Economic Development Staff

Robin Stein
Jackie Belmonte
Kathy Ruther

Guests:

Lou Casolo – City of Stamford Engineering
Chris Halpin – Celtic Energy
Chris Lotspeich – Celtic Energy

Meeting came to order at 8:40am and was presided over by Chairman Hank Ashforth.

Issues Discussed:

1. Previous minutes approved (January 17, 2013).

2. **Celtic Energy Report**

Progress update. Chris Halpin and Chris Lotspeich gave an update of their recent activity working on the ESPC project, which includes meeting with Michael Pollard to brief him, as well as walking through schools inspecting and reviewing opportunities to enhance shelter functions and energy efficiencies.

Discussion around how to move forward. Lou Casolo discussed the Engineering Department's support for the development of the RFP, he also mentioned that funding for 911 was taken out of the Engineering Department's budget. Chris Halpin reviewed the recent process, prepping the new Administration, and time/opportunity loss. The DEEP grant application timing will likely be announced in March, and the Board wants to be in a position that they will be prepared to apply for the grant. The Board feels they've reached the point where they should be moving past the briefing period (of the new Administration), and authorizing Celtic to continue forward with the project.

RFP process. Only ESCOs that have been pre-qualified by the State will be allowed to bid on this project. General discussion around RFP yielding better data than RFQ process, and generally agreed that RFP process will result in relevant data to address data-driven questions. Discussion regarding when in process does City have to put additional monies forward, and how / when does savings kick-in.

3. APPROVAL; authorizing Celtic Energy to move forward with the RFP process.

Bob Hartt asked to ensure the minutes noted the comments that the Board felt the need to have Celtic move forward so as not to lose any further time, having asked Celtic to hold off their progress, out of respect to the new Administration and their need to evaluate this opportunity.

A motion to approve this authorization was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion continued that Celtic is currently under contract to do this, and the Board hopes that the RFP process will provide data and information that will assist not only the Board, but the Administration, to evaluate this opportunity.

4. Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 18th. Calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2014 were distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Ruther