

Meeting Minutes

Saco Energy & Sustainability Committee

October 1, 2019

Present: Howard Carter, Jackie McDonough, Don Roth, Ryan Sommer, Rick Millard, Mike Cook

Zoning Ordinance Updates

- Update given by Howard Carter
- A draft of the updated zoning ordinance should be on the City of Saco website by the end of the week

Energy Spreadsheet Updates

- Jackie McDonough has been working with Dor Bender on a biweekly basis to keep the fuel database up to date
- The up to date fuel usage spreadsheet as well as heating degree days for FY 2018 and 2019 were sent via email to the committee
- An email has been sent to Karen Merrill (the accounts payable specialist for the Saco School Department) requesting the most recent school fuel usage data, hoping to have the data by the next committee meeting
- When comparing the FY 2018 and 2019 heating degree days (HDD) the following months had the largest variances:
 - October 2018 had 261 more HDD than October 2017
 - December 2017 had 197 more HDD than December 2018
 - February 2019 had 160 more HDD than February 2018
 - May 2019 had 117 more HDD than May 2018

Facility Updates

- Update given by Don Roth
- Disconnecting the old heating system located in the gym at Parks and Recreation this week and installing a new Trane heating and cooling system on Friday, Siemens is doing the design work, until natural gas line was recently installed, will be using the same boiler just switching out the burner
- Updated two bathrooms at the Parks and Recreation building
- The construction of a bathroom at the soccer field on the Foss Road is almost complete
- Planning Department construction is ongoing at City Hall, walls are complete
- Creating a map room area on the third floor of City Hall where IT was previously located
- Panic alarm installation at City Hall is complete
- Offices for Saco Main Street and Shuttle Bus-Zoom are now located at the train station, new signing has been installed in the lobby area
- The train station heating unit and glycol have been checked and the system has been programmed
- Recently had Maine State Security install a new alarm system with a panic button at the train station

- Don Roth is working on having gas detectors installed in the city's facilities
- Two metal buildings are being constructed on the Foss Road, one 20x40 at the transfer station and one three bay storage building for Parks and Recreation at the soccer field
- Purchased new valves for the Police Department, Don Roth said the city's Facilities Department cut the insulation loose from the pipes to reduce plumbing costs
- Don Roth mentioned that the benefits have been outweighing the cost of the man lift, have already used it at multiple city facilities
- Geothermal pump #2 at the fire station is failing, could cost around \$28,000 to replace, Don Roth said Rob Martin will follow up on the status

Action Items

- Rick Millard would like to see energy committee updates posted on the City of Saco website and Facebook page, Howard Carter to ask Andrew Dickinson to attend next meeting
- Howard Carter mentioned that the WRRD has been approved for an Efficiency Maine grant for new aeration blowers, ask Emily Roy to post onto the City of Saco website

Next meeting, Tuesday November 5, 2019