



## UEB Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2021

**Meeting Time and Location:** Began at 4:30pm. Held remote via Zoom meeting.

**Attendance:** Jim Kerr, Larry Quinn, Mike Jackson, Jerry Rotz, Chris Meline

**Staff:** Aaron Caplan BOT

**Liaison:** Mike Karavas

**Guests:** None

1. Amendments to Agenda

**None**

2. Approve Minutes from Mach 3, 2021

**Approved Unanimously**

3. Audience Business.

**None**

4. Upcoming Meetings

There is a MEAN meeting next Thursday to discuss the Texas power issues and high spot prices during the time. MEAN does not anticipate that it will affect Lyons rates.

5. Updates

a) Board of Trustees – Mike Karavas

Two new liquor licenses are being proposed and Aaron will address utility needs.

Some mixed feelings on Broadway enlargement by CDOT. If it happens it could allow access to large stormwater culvert and enlargement to outfall.

b) Staff, Engineering – Aaron Caplan

Mayor would like UEB to look at costs and impacts of potential higher speed EV charging stations. Original ones by SFC and they may be in lead.

PRV replacement delayed until next week.

New electric meter transfers starting next Wednesday.

Hope to go out to bid soon on changing over the WWTP outfall. CDPHE needs 3 days notice before it is done. Hopefully WWTP general NPDES permit will be issued following work.

New stormwater system installed at Park and 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with the bridge project with new 24 inch HDPE pipe to river.

BOT passed on second reading the change to require utility re-evaluations when over 50% of value impacted relative to service connections.

c) UEB Chair – Jim Kerr

Believes charging stations under SFC management. Existing stations are not used much at all and had to be repaired at town cost. BOT wants advice from UEB but grants are more geared to private enterprise and not towns.

Solar farm meeting with town staff held last week and primary site still in Bohn Park near bike park. A portion of the area was designated in the Bohn Park Flood Recovery Preferred Plan for bike park expansion but this could potentially be done elsewhere. Difficult to incorporate a community garden at this site due to lack of vehicle access at location.

d) Other UEB Members

None

6. Funding the Honeywell Lawsuit

BOT interested in UEB opinion on whether to pursue lawsuit and how to fund it. Initial guesstimate is \$100K for attorney and \$100K for Wright Water report. There was a consensus that UEB needs an executive session at its next meeting to look at numbers and review mediation failure before recommendations could be given. One option is a Lawsuit Fee put on utility bills which potentially could be refunded if town prevails in the lawsuit. A bond issue and straight rate increase also possible.

7. Net Metering Recommended Changes

The proposed language was reviewed by the UEB. A motion was made to approve the proposed ordinance with the change of sunset end date for existing installations from 2034 to 2030.

**Approved Unanimously**

Meeting ended: 5:45 pm. Minutes Submitted by: Larry Quinn