

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019**

A Planning & Development Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council office.

Committee Members: Chairperson Joseph Bevilacqua, Councillor William Macek and Councillor Timothy Jordan. Councillors Barrett and LePage also attended.

Attendee: Bill Evans

The following item was discussed:

1. **Doc. #13-H** – Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding energy projects. The Chairman opened the meeting and read the required public meeting notice recording statement and no one was recording the meeting. He noted that he has spoken with the Mayor and Orlando Pacheco, the City's energy use consultant, and that this was an opportunity for the Committee to discuss and develop a priority listing of suggested energy cost savings projects for the City which would have the impact of reducing the City's energy consumption, provide better service where able to be implemented, and help the environment. The City's recently received Green Communities designation will provide assistance in some of these suggested projects:
  - purchase some electric cars for appropriate city departments i.e. inspectors, parks, not first responders. *Green Communities will pay part of this.*
  - provide public electric charging stations and appropriate locations in the city i.e. downtown parking garage.
  - provide for electric bikes rental stations;
  - install low energy consumption LED lights in city/school parking lots/garage and school buildings where not yet installed. Explore the option of dimmable LED if necessary and/or cost effective.
  - install LED lighting at HHS stage auditorium.
  - undertake the former city dump proposed solar field project this year.
  - install solar canopies in the parking lots of HHS and other school buildings to reduce energy consumptionand explore the use of off-site solar fields to provide power to school and other city buildings.

The Committee along with Mr. Evans discussed these and other projects.

A motion was made by Councillor Macek, seconded by Councillor Jordan identifying this listing as a priority list of energy cost savings projects and to send this report to the Council with the recommendation that this report be forwarded to the Mayor and Orlando Pacheco. The motion was unanimously voted in favor by the Committee members Bevilacqua, Macek and Jordan.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph J. Bevilacqua*  
Joseph J. Bevilacqua, Chairperson  
Planning & Development Committee  
Haverhill City Council

January 18, 2019

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c: Mayor Fiorentini  
Councillors