

DEERFIELD ENERGY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES | October 24th, 2013 | Deerfield Town Hall, Room 130 | 4:00 PM

Present: Kristan Bakker, M.A. Swedlund, Reenie Clancy, Jay Stryker, Jennifer Marrapese

1. Chair Kristan Bakker called meeting to order at 4:13 pm. Jennifer Marrapese offered to take minutes.
2. Review of 9/26/13 Minutes: Jay Stryker Moved and Reenie seconded approval of minutes as amended per suggestions from Kristan. All voted in favor except for Jennifer, who abstained.
3. 12/12 Campaign:
 - a. We agreed to continue using the 12/12 sign “as is” through end of 2013 and consider new use of sign thereafter in same location, in front of Tilton library.
 - b. Possible changes to sign for future consideration: something to promote energy audits, possibly referring to how 12/12 campaign is doing. All agree that new sign should be extremely simple to understand.
 - c. We’ll brainstorm additional ideas for sign once we learn more from John Walsh and from Berkshire Gas re: number of people receiving energy audits since January 2013 and effectiveness of audits.
4. Green Communities:
 - a. We discussed GC expenditures. Challenge is to clarify what we’ve spent, as some of the expenditures were not initially captured as GC expenditures, and need to be reclassified. M.A. and Kristan to work with new documentation provided by Wendy this month to figure out what has been spent, how much WMECO is to be paid for midnight shutoffs, and how much money remains to be spent down under the GC grant.
 - b. Update on WWTP PV Array RFP progress: We’ll work with Wendy to issue RFP for pole mounted solar cells at WWTF. Motion to recommend pole mounted PV array for maximum output given available land for Old Deerfield WWTP – moved by Jay, seconded by M.A., passed unanimously.
 - c. Update on midnight shutoff presentation to Selectboard: Lumen reduction – Kristan met with Selectboard on 10/9/13 and presented list of street lights for lumen reductions and midnight shutoff. Selectboard agreed but wanted only lumen

- reduction for Elm Circle – no shutoffs. 149 lights to receive lumen reduction, 69 midnight shutoff, \$7059 cost
5. Discuss next steps on residential advocacy campaign:
 - a. Update on efforts improving home audits: Per M.A.'s conversation with Nancy Hazard, of Greening Greenfield, home energy audits are not being done thoroughly, many clients not getting all the info they need on all possible upgrades, some work that could readily be done, like air sealing, is not being recommended or done. We're trying to get detailed information from John Walsh and Berkshire Gas on home energy audits completed since 2013, recommendations made and contracts entered (see above) so we can assess best path forward.
 - b. Community solar project possibilities – M.A. and Kristan met with Nancy Hazard earlier in October. 3 options being considered: Deerfield participating with Greenfield in Solarize MA program, using the landfill for solar array, working with other towns to have a cooperative buying arrangement for PV panels.
 - i. Solarize MA – Chris Collins, Deerfield resident who works for PV Planning Commission, is interested in having Deerfield participate. M.A. encouraged him to be involved in spearheading the initiative, given that the DERC has a full agenda for the foreseeable future. Awaiting his response.
 - ii. Community Solar initiative: Motion by M.A., seconded by Reenie, passed unanimously that M.A. will write letter to Bob Dean of FRCOG letting him know that Deerfield is interested in pursuing community solar buying arrangement for PV panels, possibly through a 3rd party corporation or a through a separately established private co-op. The advantage to the community solar option is that someone who rents their home could still benefit from this form of PV ownership and net metering.
 6. Next meeting scheduled for December 5, 2013, 4 pm
 7. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm per motion by Jay, seconded by Reenie, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer J. Marrapese