

Meeting of the Alternate Energy Committee

Minutes of June 26, 2013

Senior Center, 10 Mayflower Street

Attendance:

Present: Jim Goldenberg, Chairman; Sandy von Stackelberg, Leslie Lawrence, Susan Fontaine, Lynn Smith, Don Greenbaum, Josh Cutler

Absent: Tom Burton, Jack Doherty, Andre Martecchini, Cliff Bockard

Guests: Lewis Segall, Steven Campbell (prospective new committee members who introduced themselves prior to meeting being called to order)

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.
- 2) The motion to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2013 Meeting was moved and approved
- 3) Jim Goldenberg updated the committee on his meeting with new Town Manager, Rene Read. Rene is an enthusiastic supporter of our efforts and Jim brought him up to date on both the solar project and Green Community Designation efforts. His past Town Manager jobs has him experienced with the Green Community requirements and he will be a valuable source as we go forward.
- 4) Lynn Smith reported on her work with BEAM Engineering to study the feasibility of solar hot water heating systems in Town owned buildings. A list is being compiled of eligible buildings and the next step is to coordinate site analysis with the new Facilities Manager. Then after a solar exposure study is completed the project can begin on the cost analysis of solar versus the electric or gas costs of existing hot water systems. The discussion then turned to BEAM's interest in private buildings as well, but it was determined that was outside our purview. Susan Fontaine stated that Sustainable Duxbury wasn't that interested in Solar Hot Water Systems vs. other alternative energy so it was decided we would focus our efforts on Town owned buildings for now.
- 5) Update on Transfer Station Solar projects.
 - a. Transfer Station Array:
 - i. New Issue: NSTAR states they need an easement to run their equipment to the array and our Town Meeting warrant granted them a license. Our new town counsel feels our Warrant doesn't allow for an easement. Jim with circle back with Tom Broadrick on timing issues as to whether we can add a new warrant on any Fall Special Town meeting.
 - ii. In light of the summer hiatus in meetings the motion was made to authorize the chair to pursue the option of a special town meeting warrant in furtherance of the solar project and to take any action hereto. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Pegasus Renewable Energy Partners LLC: 1.2 Meg program has completed its first cycle online, the town is receiving net metered credits on the NSTAR energy bills. There are some administrative details in Town Hall that need to be ironed out, but we are earning money on the project.
 - c. NexAmp: This project was not on the latest DOER list of approved projects. It might be time to consider other options this fall to replace this source of credits.
- 6) Update from Green Communities workgroup.

Susan was enthusiastic given Rene Read's experience in Hanson. No new progress has been made recently but now that we have a new ally in the Town Manager's office efforts this Fall can continue.
- 7) Wind – Nothing new to report
- 8) Solar Education Kiosk: Sandy is still waiting for Matt Lyons to report back on his Eagle Scout project.
- 9) New Board members: The selectmen make the appointments; however, Lou and Steve bring both legal and developmental experience to our committee and would be valuable additions.
- 10) Other business: None.

11) Scheduled next meeting September 10, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

12) Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Greenbaum
9/3/13