

## Lee Energy Committee Meeting Minutes April 3, 2018 1:00 pm

Participants: Sharon Meeker (member); Jana Petrikova, John Tappan, Bob Woodward, Cary Brown, Julie Glover

The focus of the meeting was on obtaining LED lights for both the Public Safety Complex and the Transfer Station. We have received 2 PPA, one from Revision (David Ward) and the other from EcoElectric (Bert Sutcliffe). We also received a partially completed proposal from Northeast Electrical (Al Nadeau) for the Transfer Station, which was not a part of the comparison. John found some errors in calculation for Revision's proposal and fewer ones from EcoElectric, so no decision was reached regarding which company to use until the errors are corrected. Also, there was no agreement on the number and type of lights that would be needed both inside and outside the PSC building. Julie and John will talk with Bill Stevens to see if the list he gave the committee earlier is correct. Also, there is some question about whether the "gear room" serves for both the Fire Dept. and the Police Department or are two separate rooms. The two companies propose use of different types of LED lights and the length of time each would be last, and the need to replace ballast for the best quality, longer lasting lights.

Since costs of both the low quality lights (possible use of some in rooms not used much) and higher quality ones in both proposals differ partly because they are produced by different companies, but also differences in how costs and quality were calculated. EcoElectric calculated for the quality type from the best known costs/quality and Revision, since almost all were of the higher quality lights, they simply treated them all as a higher cost/quality entity with the full 50% rebate.

Julie had received the latest Revision PPA today, and has several questions; some developed during the meeting and will call Revision to get answers as to costs and benefits to the town. She will also talk to EcoElectric on related issues. John is going to develop an Excel spread sheet that Julie can use in getting together the information that conflicts or is missing. Although the committee had developed a PPA format which is being used by all three companies, Julie is going to design an RFP and circulate it to those at the meeting and the LEC for comment before she sends it to those companies who wish to participate. Once a revised proposal is accepted, there is only a 30-day window to take advantage of the rebate and the funding is limited by demand.

Although the location and use of solar panels was discussed, since most of the energy needed would be at the PS Building, it would be advantageous to place the energy source close to that building. However it appears that land closest to the PS Building is slated for a memorial forest.

The Transfer Station site is much better regarding the availability of sunlight, but the Station would use only about 2/3 of the energy produced. The town would receive a check each month for energy produced there but not used at a rate lower than what is now paid for energy.

Net metering was discussed at length by Bob Woodward, Julie and John after the close of the official meeting. Basically, one meter charts energy in and the other accounts for energy not used. The town would get credit for the energy not used.

The official meeting ended at 2:45, but discussion continued on net metering mainly between John, Jana and Julie. No decisions were made, but there was agreement on what the term actually means and what it would mean to the town.

Submitted by Sharon Meeker, Chair, LEC.