

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

3 June 2013

1. The meeting convened at 7:06 PM in the Music Hall accompanied by loud band music.

2. EMC attendees:

David Pierce

Rob Fisher

Jennifer Francis

Norman Hills (late arrival)

Bill Saltonstall

Eunice Manduca

3. Others present:

Eileen Marum – Marion resident interested in joining committee

John Rockwell – Marion resident

4. The revised minutes from April 22, 2013 meeting were approved.

5. Discussed Solar Bylaw revisions to be proposed for Fall Town Meeting:

- Section 16.3.3: Roof mounted systems on flat roofs in non-residential districts: Reduced maximum height to 8'.
- Section 16.4: Small “backyard” ground-mounted systems: Reduced minimum lot size to ½ acre. Added text to clarify that applications for systems that do not meet the requirements of the Bylaw must be submitted through the Special Permit process. Added abutter notification as a part of Minor Site Plan Review.
- Section 16.6: Design Standards and Dimensional Requirements for all ground-mounted systems: Added text to state explicitly that applications for systems that deviate from the Bylaw requirements must be submitted through the Special Permit process. Changed setback requirements to conform to those stated in the general Zoning Bylaw for that district. Reduced height limits to 8'.

VOTED unanimously to submit updated draft of bylaw to Planning Board and Selectmen.

6. Jon Rockwell offered a number of constructive suggestions during our review.

7. Norm Hills advised committee that Planning Board has scheduled its meeting of Monday, July 1, 2013 for discussion of the revisions in the solar bylaw proposal and suggested that members of EMC attend.

8. Discussed possibility of a Green Communities 101 presentation sometime this summer. Members agreed that it would be premature to do so before undertaking more study of individual criteria and discussing our options with Seth Pickering of DOER. Bill will invite Seth to our next meeting.

9. Discussed the possibility of holding more scheduled “working” meetings prior to the fall town meeting to complete all necessary steps to prepare for that meeting. It was understood that although there might not always be a quorum of our members, such a schedule would provide more time for deliberations, progress with bylaw proposal, and preparation of public information materials.

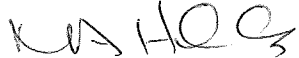
10. Brief discussion of reviewing recommendations for energy savings via updated lighting fixtures and other modifications to develop a proposal for the Fall Town Meeting.

11. Discussed addition of Eileen Marum to EMC, and she indicated that she would be pleased to join the committee. David will propose that she be appointed by the Selectmen.

12. Future meeting dates presently scheduled for 2013: July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 25, no December meeting.

13. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully,



for William G. Saltonstall, Jr.

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