

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

8 July 2013

1. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM in the Music Hall.
2. EMC attendees:

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Rob Fisher	Jennifer Francis
Bill Saltonstall	
3. Others present: Eileen Marum
4. The minutes from June 24, 2013 meeting were approved as amended.
5. David Pierce stated that he thought Seth Pickering's presentation last meeting was well received. Most of it was information that we had previously received but going over it again was beneficial for everyone present. The importance of using the Energy Insight program was stressed by Seth. A short discussion followed of how the baseline is established and how we define the 20% reduction.
6. Green Community topics:
 - Revised bylaw
 - Jen noted that she sent the revised draft bylaw to Seth for review and comment but hasn't had a response yet.
 - Norm noted that the Planning Board has provided no action on the revised draft that was sent to them
 - Jen reported that she had met with John Rockwell and his son to get their comments on the draft revised bylaw. John's main complaint is that it is too much regulation. There was also concern that 600 s.f. was not enough if the resident had a large house and/or an electric/hybrid car to charge. This led to a discussion that resulted in the decision to modify the revised draft bylaw so that the 900 s.f. limit would include the option of an electric/hybrid car in place of solar thermal. John also felt that that the laws were likely to change regarding the ability of a resident to sell power back to the grid, and the limit of producing only 120% of annual use on a site was a regulation serving only the short term. A discussion ensued about eliminating the restriction, but it was decided to leave it in for now and perhaps amend it later as needed.
 - Bill has drafted a summary of other Town bylaws with respect to their requiring a special permit or not for small solar installations on residential property. He will develop a shorter table of the results for the 15 July Planning Board meeting.
 - Fall Town Meeting
 - A question addressed when the documentation for Fall Town Meeting needs to be submitted. Norm will check with Paul Dawson to find out.
 - Norm committed to prepare warrant articles for the two lighting improvement projects that did not get onto the Spring Town Meeting agenda
 - Public meetings
 - Discussion focused on planning public meetings to educate the residents on the Green Community requirements in general and one to specifically address the Stretch Code. It was decided that we should wait until after the Fall Town

Meeting and then do the general Green Community meeting first, followed by the Stretch Code meeting.

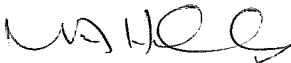
7. EMC organization – nominations for David Pierce to be the Chairman and Norm Hills to be secretary were made and seconded. Voted unanimously.

8. Energywise articles – it was decided to wait until after the Planning Board meeting before drafting any new articles addressing the revised bylaw.

9. Future meeting dates presently scheduled for 2013: July 22, August 12, August 26, September 9, September 23, October 14, October 28, November 25, no December meeting. Meetings are scheduled twice a month in anticipation of work to have articles ready for the Fall Town Meeting on 28 October.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully,



Norman Hills

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