

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
9 September 2013

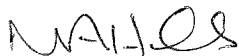
1. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM in the Music Hall.
2. EMC attendees:

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Rob Fisher	Jennifer Francis
Eileen Marum	
3. Others present: none
4. The minutes from August 26, 2013 meeting were not reviewed.
5. Green Community topics:
 - Revised bylaw
 - Jen noted that the draft version of the bylaw as revised by Jon Witten was the version submitted for the warrant for the Fall Town Meeting. It did not seem to address some of the questions that we had submitted.
 - Norm noted that he had sent some questions to Jon Witten with respect to the response he had provided about the admissibility of suggested changes to the bylaw at Town Meeting. Jon has not provided a response.
 - A short discussion addressed the question about the definition of large scale clearing for a solar farm. It was noted that in the 1800s there were very little mature trees in Marion as they had all been cut for building, fire wood, or construction of ships, only recently has the landscape become timbered. David commented that there was a bylaw that prevented clearing and he would look for it.
 - A motion was made to support the solar bylaw as it appears on the warrant. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
 - Rob questioned how the Board of Selectmen knows what is going on. It was decided that the EMC should plan on a briefing to them before the Town Meeting.
 - The bylaw and the two lighting articles (for the Town House and DPW facility) are going to the Board of Selectmen tomorrow to be voted for inclusion on the Fall Town Meeting warrant.
 - Energy Insight – no update.
 - 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. South Coast Energy Challenge –Jen reported that Diana Painter could not make the meeting that was scheduled. Jen had told Diana that the survey provided was not clear or helpful.
8. Energywise articles – Jen reported that she would be drafting the next article to address our position once we are clear on what the Planning Board plans to do.

9. Future meeting dates presently scheduled for 2013: 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 7:48 PM.

Respectfully,



Norman Hills

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