

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
24 February 2014

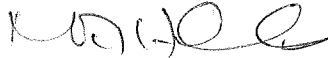
1. The meeting convened at 8:00 PM in the Music Hall.
2. EMC attendees:

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Jennifer Francis	Eileen Marum
3. Others present: none
4. The minutes from January 27, 2014 meeting were approved.
5. Green Community topics:
 - David noted that Acushnet has recently achieved Green Community status.
 - TNT Energy still waiting for a weather break for the two days needed for the boiler replacement at the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Music Hall.
 - Energy Insight – no update.
 - Stretch code – no update.
 - The success of the Explore Home Solar workshop was reviewed
 - Having Senator Pacheco as the guest speaker was a key ingredient. He arrived early and stayed for the whole event
 - Advertising the event was a big help; the posters and Bill and Jen’s interview for ORCTV
 - Over 100 people attended
 - Paul Dawson and Steve Cushing were in attendance
 - ORCTV filmed the event
6. South Coast Energy Challenge – the solar bus tour of the Tri-town area was filled up. There were newspaper articles covering the event. Norm noted that he had contacted Next Step Living and New England Solar Hot Water for inspections for the feasibility of installations at his own residence.
7. Solar on the Landfill – members discussed the possible need for professional help identifying potential business cases to consider for an installation on the landfill. It was generally agreed that Town funds were scarce and probably not available for a private installation. Norm noted that he had suggested the possibility of SPREED funding and Bill was going to investigate. Discussion also focused on the fact that there are organizations nationwide that have been through this exercise that can probably provide some guidance or models to consider. It was agreed that the members would do some research online in preparation for a continued discussion next meeting.
8. Energywise article – Norm and Jennifer will draft an article identifying the energy efficiency upgrades accomplished by TNT Energy this winter.
9. Norm provided copies of the Land Court decision with respect to the proposed Briggs solar farm installation. The ZBA is required to have a hearing to support their “light manufacturing” categorization. Discussion focused on members reading the decision and attending the ZBA hearing.

10. Future meeting dates proposed for 2014: March 24 (8 PM), April 28 (8PM), May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24, no December meeting. Times are at 7PM unless otherwise noted.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman Hills", written in a cursive style.

Norman Hills