

## MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

24 March 2014

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

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Jennifer Francis	Eileen Marum
Bill Saltonstall	Rob Fisher
3. Others present: Jason Deonarian (Guycan), Bill Shinas (Remarkable Energy Inc.), Phillip LaBrash (Fit Power), Jim Fox (Kinlin Grover)
4. The minutes from February 24, 2014 meeting were approved.
5. Green Community topics:
  - 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. Norm will check with Gene Jones to see what kind of savings have occurred at Sippican School since the energy improvements have been made.
  - Energy Insight – no update.
  - Stretch code – no update.
6. Solar on the Landfill:
  - The Committee discussed the need for the BOS to be able to sign a lease for a solar installation on the landfill. This requires a Town Meeting vote. A short memo (email) to the Town Administrator requesting a warrant article for the Spring Town Meeting was drafted and voted unanimously.
  - The four guests represented a consortium based in Canada that is interested in constructing a solar array at the landfill. In an hour long discussion, the following points were made
    - They have years of international experience installing large solar projects, most of the installations are roof top.
    - Incentives drive their interest
    - It was explained that we are interested in a ground-mounted system on the landfill, that it would be the contractor's responsibility to get the Post Closure Permit and identify potential consumers.
    - We explained the net metering concept, something that they were not aware of
    - They would use Canadian built solar panels
    - They were referred to the Brewster solar farm as a model that we are interested in
    - They recommended that we consider issuing a Request for Qualifications before a Request for Proposals
    - We told them that NSTAR was the local provider and they would have to get interconnect information from NSTAR
    - We mentioned that net metering would probably include Rochester, Mattapoisett, and Wareham but our principle interest is servicing Marion residents and businesses

- They are interested in a pilot project and would definitely respond to any RFQ or RFP
- Jason would be the single point of contact for the consortium.

8. Energywise article – Norm and Jennifer will draft an article identifying the energy efficiency upgrades accomplished by TNT Energy this winter, another about the success of the Explore Home Solar meeting, and one to explain why the warrant article for the BOS to sign the lease for a solar installation on the landfill.

9. The Committee discussed a proposed response to the ZBA with regard to the ongoing Briggs solar farm issue. It was agreed that the EMC should respond and a one page draft response was reviewed and voted unanimously.

10. Future meeting dates proposed for 2014: 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 9:40 PM.

Respectfully,



Norman Hills

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