

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

28 July 2014

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

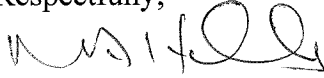
David Pierce	Norman Hills
Eileen Marum	Bill Saltonstall
Jennifer Francis	
3. Others present: Ted North, Jean Perry (Wanderer reporter)
4. Green Community topics:
 - Stretch code – no update
 - Energy Insight – no update.
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5. Solar on the Landfill:
 - The RFP had been released with a due date of 3PM on August 4. To date there have been 20 requests for a copy
 - Bill reported that there had been a site visit last week with a number of applicants. At that time they had observed an area of top fill that had been eroded by rain without damage to the cap. Repairs were already planned.
 - Jennifer Francis reported on the conference call with NSTAR and DOER. It was in Paul Dawson's office with Bill and lasted about an hour. Some more information was obtained but real details will require an actual connection application by the chosen contractor. We did learn that we would share a substation that will also be used by the large solar projects in Mattapoissett that complicates the picture. These projects are in line already and could potentially max out the substation. Complicating the situation is that the transformer will need to be replaced because it is not designed to handle that much solar power and it can not run backwards. However that problem may be corrected by the needs of the larger projects. It turns out that NSTAR charges \$4.50 per KW to respond to the connection application. Hopefully the experienced applicants will know this and include it in the bids.
 - David noted that the Fall River coal power plant will be going offline in 2017 creating a need for additional power sources. He also noted that there will be a new Governor soon and it is not sure what his position will be
 - Eileen mentioned that the current Governor had pursued the green energy to reduce the \$18 B that the state paid for outside sources of power, still a compelling requirement
 - Bill reported that there was a new draft bill on energy policy that was a big step backwards. He will email it to the members.
7. Briggs Solar Project:
 - ZBA still has not acted on the variance request, the next meeting is not yet scheduled.
8. Energywise articles – potential future articles identified included (1) progress on the landfill solar project, (2) results of the Briggs project, (3) progress on the wind turbine project in Plymouth, (4) cost savings from last winter's energy improvement projects.

9. Reorganization – all members were reappointed. David Pierce was re-elected Chairman, Norm Hills was re-elected Secretary.

10. Future meeting dates proposed for 2014: August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24, no December meeting. Times are at 7PM unless otherwise noted.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully,



Norman Hills

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