

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
24 November 2014

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

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Eileen Marum	Bill Saltonstall
Rob Fisher	
3. Others present: Frank Shirley
4. Minutes: the minutes for 27 October, 2014 were approved as changed at the meeting.
5. Green Community topics:
 - Stretch code – no update. Not sure status of new Stretch Code.
 - Energy Insight – Bill has been working developing the square footage of heated area in each Town building needed as part of the program, still not complete.
6. Solar on the Landfill:
 - The evaluation committee met with Luke Hinkle (My Generation and Suntility) on 17 November to further discuss and clarify his due diligence investigation and plan to apply to NSTAR. Because of the number of Mattapoissett solar projects in line, the substation will have to be upgraded. This will require My Generation Energy to participate and contribute to the fund for NSTAR upgrades. The contribution is figured on the size of each project so that My Generation's requirement is small in comparison. Luke estimates that the whole process will take 1 to 2 years.
 - The project now has an official name, the Benson Brook Project Community Solar Garden.
 - While this process is ongoing it was determined that interested parties should be encouraged to participate in the Briggs project. When the Benson Brook Project becomes reality, some incentive may be available for residents to switch over to the Benson Brook Project.
7. Briggs Solar Project:
 - The Building Inspector has issued the Building Permit for the Briggs Solar Project
 - It was noted that there was a DOER letter in the Standard Times countering the information in the Ted North Sippican Week letter against the Briggs solar installation.
 - Frank Shirley attended this EMC meeting to find out about the Briggs Project because he will not be able to attend the informational meeting at the Music Hall.
8. Other topics included:
 - Eileen suggested that an EMC member be the point person for renewable energy topics in the ongoing Master Plan development. Bill volunteered but suggested that Jennifer might be a better choice. Eileen mentioned that there might be consideration of a requirement for solar panels on all large commercial and residential projects. Rob noted that there is a State requirement to reduce the Carbon footprint of the Town, and would provide the reference.
 - The wind turbines for the Future Generation Wind project have not yet been ordered.
 - Energy aggregation; no update, Bill will ask Paul Dawson
 - Rob reported that he has not yet been able to get a list of streetlights.
9. Energywise articles – potential subjects are (1) Briggs project update, (2) Future Generation Wind project update, (3) Benson Brook Project update.

10. There is no December meeting. Meetings for 2015 are: January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 23. Times are at 7PM unless otherwise noted.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully,

Norman Hills



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