

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

23 May 2016

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

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Jennifer Francis	Jim Bride
Bill Saltonstall	Eileen Marum
Rob Fisher	
3. Minutes: the minutes for 25 April 2016 were approved.
4. Clean Energy Collective's partnership program:
 - Mark Croke provided electronic copies of (1) CEC Marketing Agreement, and (2) Solar Perks Net Metering Credit Sale Agreement and David forwarded them to each member.
 - Bill noted that his review of the CEC incentives as well as other projects reveal that while providing participants lower rates, the companies retain the benefit of the SRECs. We should be looking for better deals for the participants.
 - Jen responded that she had sent an email to Mark requesting a contact point that is knowledgeable with the Town partnership program and who can provide options and make commitments. She noted that Mark never responded to our suggestion of a better deal for the participants.
 - A general comment is that the 20 page contract seem onerous for the participants.
 - The committee will wait to see what response Jen is able to get before deciding on a course of further action.
5. Green Community topics:
 - Energy Insight program still stalled by the consolidated billing problem, Judy Mooney is trying to coordinate a meeting with Eversource to resolve the problems
 - David provided Green Community program information to Jim.
6. Benson Brook Solar Garden (capped Landfill):
 - No update
8. Tucker Road Solar Project:
 - Work is in progress. Newspaper articles report that the Rochester Planning Board has an issue with the screening of the project.
9. Other topics included:
 - Future Generation Wind project – Bill anticipates the project coming on line is June
 - LED street lights – Rob has been driving some of the smaller streets in Town comparing the Eversource list with what exists. The more we know the more questions there are; for example (1) do we pay a rental fee for each fixture, (2) which lights are the result of specific resident/commercial requests, (3) Ryder Land and South Street still listed as sodium vapor lights. After discussion it was suggested that Rob develop a list of questions based on his research and comparison of the list with what he found.

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- Solar Installations on Residential and Commercial roofs – Eileen provided a paper discussing the concept of requiring solar installations on roofs to increase participation and potentially provide power to those whose roofs are not properly oriented or shaded. The following discussion several options for education; (1) another public meeting with representatives with different solar options, (2) develop a program to broadcast on ORCTV, (3) newspaper articles with short write-ups from people who have direct experience with their own solar installations, (4) articles addressing different scenarios with associated pros and cons.
- Electric cars – Jen is researching the source of funds used to subsidize the electric car in response to a question at a recent BOS meeting. She is also working with Paul Dawson to determine if we go for two or three more electric cars. That decision will hinge on identification of users. Discussion with respect to putting the electric car in the July 4th parade with a float or some sort of EMC advertisement. Norm agreed to help Jen investigate what would be needed.
- Other towns – Jim has contacted the Dartmouth Town Energy Czar (Sean Luv) and he has agreed to come to the next EMC meeting to discuss what he has been doing.
- Tabor Academy – Jim talked to Chris Winslow (Tabor CFO) about their renewable energy programs. Chris reported that they had investigated the installation of solar panels on the Ice Rink but that would require \$600K to reinforce the roof; the pay back was too long. Tabor is (1) buying its power from a sustainable source, (2) converting to LEDs, (3) has their kitchen green certified, (4) will be installing new boilers. When battery storage becomes common, they may reconsider installation of solar panels.

10. Energywise articles – not discussed

11. Meetings for 2016 schedule: 27 Jun, 25 Jul, 22 Aug, 26 Sep, 24 Oct, 28 Nov. NOTE: the 27 June meeting will be held in the Town House Conference Room.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully,



Norman Hills

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