

Town of Plaistow Renewable Energy Committee

145 Main Street, Plaistow, NH 03865

RENEWABLE ENERGYCOMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 @ 3:30 pm

PRESENT: Julian Kiszka, Selectman; Sean Fitzgerald, Town Manager (arrived late); Greg Jones, Town Planner; Tim Moore, Planning Board; Geoffrey Adams, Planning Board; Tony Costanzo, Citizen Representative: Beth Hossack, Administrative Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 3:38 PM

Guest Speakers from Ameresco, Ed Lepore and Geri Kantor begin with a presentation about their company and what they provide. Ameresco Solar PV is a renewable energy company specializing in solar energy projects. The presentation focuses on how a future solar project on Plaistow's capped landfill may be valuable to the Town. Ameresco has several New Hampshire projects and is currently working on a project at the Town of Derry's capped landfill which is very similar to the possible project here in Plaistow. The presentation covers different options for ownership, phases of development and required permits.

When the presentation is completed the committee discusses the potential project. More research and information will need to be gathered but this is a good starting point for considering renewable energy sources in Plaistow.

Discussion evolves into street lights. Plaistow would like to purchase all of the street lights in Town and change the lighting to LED in order to save electric costs. If this occurs, an inquiry is made as to where will the saving go. Most likely savings would be used to help defray the increase of future property taxes. Citizens would not see a specific credit on their individual tax bills. Discussion ensues.

The committee elects Julian Kiszka as Chairman of the Committee and Geoffrey Adams as Vice Chairman.

T. Moore motions to have the committee draft a letter to Unitil requesting they provide the Town with a cost to procure all the streetlights in Town. Julian Kiszka 2nd. Vote: 4-0-0.

All in favor, motion passes.

G. Jones will contact committee members to determine the date and time of the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack, Note Keeper