

**Meeting Minutes** (*approved 3/25/15, 3-0*)  
**Wayland Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2015**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Large Hearing Room**

**Members present:** Tom Sciacca, Anne Harris, Ellen Tohn, Harvey Michaels, Bill Huss (arrived 9:00)

**Members Absent:** none

**Associate members present:** Corinne Lenk, John Harper, Mike Staiti

**Ex-officio Member present:** Ben Keefe

Also Present: Cherry Karlson, Board of Selectmen liaison; Dave Watkins, FinCom liaison

Minutes from 2/12/15 approved 3-0.

### **Municipal Solar Projects**

Updates provided before discussing Peregrine Energy Group Report:

- Ameresco has not progressed past 30% design review; on hold until approval process and TM vote is in.
- Encourage Ameresco to start ConCom approval process; MS will call Mike Zimmer
- FinCom voted 5-0 Thursday to defer taking a position. DW notes they will vote right before TM, though that would not be in the warrant. The Energy Committee requests if FinCom could vote sooner? JH requests DW send him a list of the questions FinCom would like answered and we will return them to FinCom before Monday in hopes of FinCom being able to vote Monday. ET will also forward updated Ameresco pricing.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> School Committee will review and vote.
- Solar is tentatively on the BoS agenda for March 16.
- Assessors meeting Monday March 9.
- PMBC will review technical report from Ameresco March 3<sup>rd</sup> re: DPW roof and connection issues. They MAY address with a vote tonight.
- PPA: JH and MS looked at draft from Ameresco, sent to Nan and Ben; have not heard back yet. Peregrine and sub Don McCauley has allotted twenty hours for PPA review.

DW relays FinCom concerns about any unexpected costs. What if Town Building is leased and lessor does not want canopies? Would we be required to remove them? Answer: Town could include canopies/electricity produced or parking lot as part of the leasing arrangement or not. We would be under no obligation to remove them. Town could still have electricity generated assigned to a town building. Also from FinCom: what if DPW roof needs repairs? BK: New roof is unlikely to need repairs during 20 year panel life but if necessary they are easily removed and replaced. Ameresco would do; labor charges would not be significant. DW agreed to provide written list of questions, so that the Energy Committee could prepare written responses prior to next FinCom meeting.

### **Discussion of Peregrine Report**

Committee agreed report helpful, clear, informative. Peregrine report concludes:

- the projects' technical details are sound,

- arrays should produce predicted power,
- Ameresco's project cost is reasonable,
- price to be charged for power Wayland is consistent with those costs and
- projected savings to Wayland should significantly exceed costs for power.

Peregrine concludes that Ameresco's predicted savings may be overestimated as right now prices are in a spike due to natural gas supply shortage to New England. They recommend using last winter's prices as the baseline. Energy Committee discussed the recommendation, which is consistent with one of our core sensitivity analyses. There was general support to use the 2014 rates as the base case, consistent with the Peregrine recommendation.

Energy Committee discussed added sensitivity analyses performed by Energy Committee and reviewed by Peregrine, varying the tariff rates and using both B5 and A9 rates.

ET will forward revised version of sensitivity analysis and Peregrine Report to DW with comments; he can forward to FinCom.

Motion is made: For Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee to accept Peregrine's report summarizing financial and technical review, with minor edits. 4-0 in favor.

Motion is made: The Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee recommends the Town of Wayland approve four sites for solar PV as detailed in Ameresco's pricing proposal dated March 3, 2015 with a revised savings estimate as recommended by Peregrine Energy Group, Owner's Agent, in their report. 4-0 in favor.

#### **Planning for Public Forum, 3/18**

Discussed details of planning for forum, advertising, etc. After forum we can see what we might want for TM.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Next meeting March 11.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

ARH 3/23/15