

TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium

Present: Robert M. O’Keefe, Chairman James M. Kreidler, Town Manager
 Elizabeth R. Hunt, Vice Chair Linda A. Daigle, Executive Assistant
 Keith Barrows

Absent: C. Jackson Blair

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- PILOT Solar Agreement with Revolution Energy

Chairman O’Keefe called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and asked for anyone to disclose if they were videotaping or recording the meeting. This meeting aired live on local cable access channel 8.

Beth made a motion to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant effective 9:08 a.m. Saturday, November 19, 2011 and to close it on Tuesday morning, November 22 at 9:08 am. Motion was seconded by Keith Barrows. Motion passed 3-0

The Town Manager wanted the record to reflect that the warrant is open for people to submit articles between now and Tuesday morning but if any petition articles come in after Tuesday morning but still within time frame allowed by the law, they should be considered per town council request.

O’Keefe said that existing items on the warrant will remain as long as the original party that presented them wants them to remain. The Town Manager said that he had received an email from the Planning Board and their intention is to ask that articles 10, 11 and 12 be withdrawn. Mr. Kreidler asked if it was the pleasure of the Board that when we make the revision to the warrant on Tuesday after the close of the warrant, we will remove those articles per their request. The Chairman agreed

O’Keefe said that he has one item to add to the warrant. He said that he has a PILOT Solar agreement proposal from a third developer, Revolution Energy from NH. They are proposing building a 6 megawatt facility on Hitchcock Rd., The Martin Park’s property. They have agreed to the terms that we previously agreed to with the other developers and we were able to go to contract agreement quickly. They agreed to

a rate of \$70,000.00 per 3 megawatt system. Since the proposal is for 6 megawatts the annual payment would be for \$140,000.00, but like the other two, an adjustment can be made if the actual plant is larger or smaller. The terms of the agreement are identical to what we approved for Constellation Energy with the changes just being the dollar amount, size, location, and party names. O'Keefe said in speaking with the company Revolution Energy, he found out that they actually got their foot in the door with building solar plants for schools so they have a large tie in with educational facilities and they actually want to present to this town at another time, an education program for alternative energy for our students and become a corporate citizen of the community.

O'Keefe said for this to move forward he needs a motion for this party to approve the PILOT agreement and place it on the warrant for town meeting. Keith made a motion to put this PILOT agreement for Revolution Energy on the Special Town Warrant. Beth seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

O'Keefe asked if we had any other business. Hunt asked if this is a private investment. O'Keefe said it is a private solar development on private land producing energy through solar means and they will then sell that energy any way that they can. Unlike the 2.4 megawatt plant that we are building on our landfill, this has no public components. The public gets the benefit of annual taxes.

The Town Manager wanted it noted, for the record, that in his private capacity, in his private business, he has nothing to do with any of the three pilot projects. His private company has not and will not have any dealings with any of the three companies which are Nexamp, Constellation Energy or Revolution Energy. O'Keefe said that is why he has done all the negotiations and conversation with all three parties so that there is no question or no appearance of anything improper. He has handled it himself.

Barrows made a motion to set the date for the Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm at the MMHS. Beth seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of this motion.

O'Keefe said that it is critical that we have 75 voters in attendance. In addition to these solar warrants, there are other important pieces of business that need to be taken care of. O'Keefe also mentioned that after the warrant closes members of this Board can go up and sign the warrant.

Kreidler asked to consider a follow up vote upon closing of the warrant to authorize members individually to execute the warrant and authorize us to post the warrant. O'Keefe made the motion, Barrows seconded that motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment: Barrows moved to adjourn. Hunt seconded. By roll call vote the motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:28AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Giacobone
Administrative Assistant