

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
23 Jan 12

1. The meeting convened at 7:00PM in the Marion Music Hall.

2. Marion meeting attendees:

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Eunice Manduca	Rob Fisher
Bill Saltonstall	Steve Kokkins

3. The minutes from 28 Nov 11 were approved.

4. Annual report. There were two proposed draft versions, differing primarily in the detail that addressed the events surrounding the termination of the wind turbine effort. After discussion, the version with the most detail was voted by the majority. Two minor changes outside of those sections of the report were also voted.

5. Green Community qualification discussion:

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- Criterion #3 – energy audit:
  - Norm reported that a representative from TNT Energy will be in town on Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> for a walk through of the town facilities. The Sippican School will not be included at this time
  - Bill questioned what tools the auditors will be using and will their report support us in an application under Criterio #3.
  - Discussion addressed whether or not we would be getting what we need from this walkthrough and if Seth Pickering would be able to provide a list of energy audit companies.
- Criterion #5 -Stretch Code:
  - Bill reported that he had talked to the Building Inspector. We currently use the 2009 version of the Building Code. The 2012 version is expected to accepted next summer. It is not clear if the 2012 version includes all the stretch code requirements Bill will contact Seth to see if he knows.
  - Bill asked the Building Inspector if enforcing the stretch code would be a problem. The Building Inspector noted that probably more paperwork would be required but he did not think it would require much more work. The Building Inspector will talk to his counterparts in other towns to see what the impact has been to them

6. Funding – David reported that he talked with Paul Dawson who suggested there were two alternatives:

- Have a formal budget that would be updated each fiscal year
- Submit a budget for a specific project that would last for the duration of that project.

Discussion addressed the possibility that Lakeville may have had a financial article that would provide some insight. No actual decision was made on how to proceed.

7. Energy Wise articles:

- Bill volunteered to draft an article
- Articles for Green Community education should be considered.

8. Solar panels:

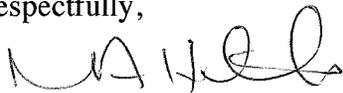
- Bill reported on a project in Brewster for a community solar panel installation. Participants would buy shares for \$5000 that would provide a \$6500 advantage in five years. Discussion focused on whether such a project would be viable in Marion on Town owned land. It is anticipated that projects like the one in Brewster will be available in other towns.
- David reported that he had been contacted by Howland Development who plans a 6MW solar installation near the old Otis base. They wanted to know if we were interested. David asked for more information.

9. David noted that he has two invitations out for a quest speaker for the next regional meeting. No responses yet. Bill said he would ask the group that installed his solar panels if they would like to provide a speaker. Discussion also addressed whether we should continue the regional meetings; no decision was made.

10. The meeting schedule for 2012 will continue to meet at 7PM on the fourth Monday of each month at the Music Hall. The projected meeting schedule is: 27 Feb, 26 Mar, 23 Apr, 28 May, 25 Jun, 23 Jul, 27 Aug, 24 Sep, 22 Oct, 26 Nov.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully,



Norman A. Hills, secretary

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