

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
4 Jun 2012

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

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Rob Fisher	Bill Saltonstall
Jennifer Francis	Eunice Manduca
3. Others present: Steve Grima
4. The minutes from 23 Apr 2012 were approved.
5. Green Community qualification discussion:
  - Criterion #1 – as-of-right:
    - Developing a Town by-law in response to the positive Town Meeting vote can address this item.
  - Criterion #3 – energy audit:
    - Norm reported that the last email response from TNT Energy was in April indicating the report was 80% complete but nothing has been received. Norm will call TNT.
  - Criterion #4 – Fuel efficient vehicles
    - No progress to report. Norm will work on update.
  - Criterion #5 -Stretch Code:
    - No progress to report, Bill has been working other items..
6. Town Meeting –
  - Both warrant articles were passed.
  - David commended those involved and noted that we have Town support and momentum.
7. Energy Wise articles:
  - One article was published last week, nothing working right now
  - David noted that Chris Reagle had made a comment about needing articles to publish in the Sentinel. Jennifer was confused about this, as she has been provided the articles directly to Chris in the past.
8. David reported that 15 to 20 people were present at the MyGeneration public talk on 16 May. The participants were interested and he believes the event was productive.
9. Solar by-law:
  - After the Town Meeting, Bill talked to Paul Dawson about the advisability of developing a Solar by-law so that developers of future projects know what to submit and the Town has a means of acting on the submittals

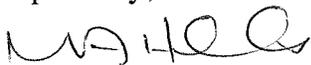
- Discussion of using a sub-committee to do that means that the sub-committee would have to comply with all the Open Meeting Law requirements. General discussion determined that this would not be productive and we proceeded to review the drafts Bill had and provided changes to be incorporated. Bill and Jennifer will incorporate the agreed comments into a preliminary draft and continue with the process
- Bill agreed with Paul to provide copies of the preliminary drafts to Paul before coordinating with the Planning Board for the final draft version that both committees agree to
- Draft by-law #1 – specifically for a solar installation on the land fill – review comments addressed
  - Adding the map and lot number so that there is no ambiguity
  - Clarify the Building Inspector definition and authority
  - Discussion with respect to keeping item 8.a or not as this is not a residential installation. Decided that the two by-laws should be consistent
- Draft by-law #2 – for ground mounted solar installations in the rest of Marion –
  - Should specifically address ground mounted solar installations as the existing by-laws address buildings
  - Discussion on the proposed setbacks, it was finally decided to go with the building setbacks that are specified for each zoning district
  - Discussion on including a section on abandonment requirements, it was finally decided to leave it out as there are presently no similar requirements for any other structure that would be installed on private land.

10. Bill reported that he had received a call from a Source 1 representative. Their expertise is assisting towns or companies to choose where to buy their electrical energy. Bill noted that this may be something that Marion and nearby towns and ORR may want to take advantage of as a regional initiative and provided the information to Paul Dawson. There is nothing in our power purchase agreement that would negate such action. David raised the question as to what role this committee should take when other energy projects come to town. Discussion focused on the fact that we have no real authority and should discuss such items with the Selectmen to determine what part we would play.

11. 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: 25 Jun, 23 Jul, 27 Aug, 24 Sep, 22 Oct, 26 Nov. Note that the previously scheduled meeting for 28 May was moved to 4 Jun.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully,



Norman A. Hills, secretary

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