

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
27 Aug 2012

1. The meeting convened at 7:08PM in the Marion Music Hall.
2. Marion meeting attendees:

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Jennifer Francis	Steve Kokkins
3. Others present: Ted North, Eric Trippoli
4. The revision 1 minutes from 23 Jul 2012 were approved.
5. Green Community qualification discussion:
 - Criterion #1 – as-of-right:
 - Development of a Town by-law progress addressed under Solar by-law section below
 - Criterion #3 – energy audit:
 - Our energy audit report was provided to the Selectmen at their last meeting.
 - The report was not discussed, David will be making a presentation to them at the next Selectmen’s meeting on 4 September. We are invited to attend.
 - David noted that in his discussion with Paul Dawson, Paul mentioned that we probably should include the Town House lighting and sensors as it will probably several years before any direction is decided upon and initiated.
 - Ted North questioned whether these costs represented capital improvements and if so they need to go to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee before going to the Selectmen. This item needs further review.
 - Criterion #4 – Fuel efficient vehicles
 - No progress to report. Norm will work on update, Steve volunteered to help if needed.
 - Criterion #5 -Stretch Code:
 - No progress to report. Steve noted that he had talked to the Building Inspector and he expected the next code update in a year or two.
6. Energy Wise articles:
 - Eunice has not provided any draft input on the Harbormaster’s facilities and functions to Jennifer for development.
 - Jennifer helped Paul Dawson develop an article on the Power Purchase Agreement but it has not been released yet.
 - Jennifer noted that we should plan articles on energy efficiency and the solar bylaw in advance of the Fall Town Meeting. Should wait until after we get the Selectmen’s input at the 4 September Selectmen’s meeting.
7. Solar by-law:

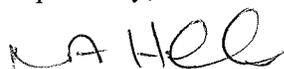
- Discussion started focusing on revised draft bylaw recently provided by Jon Witten. It was significantly different from previous versions under consideration.
 - Apparently the Planning Board was also concerned and Steve and Ted are working on a revised version for the Planning Board.
 - Steve noted that he wanted a high level list versus detailed language. The Planning Board has difference of opinion on location in residential zoning. Direct conversion may have special characteristics that make it more acceptable. They have set-back concerns, accessory use not addressed. Where does Jon Witten stand with respect to the use of the landfill?
 - David voiced his concerns with respect to version control of the draft documents. He wants a date and source name on each document. It is important to frequently keep in touch with Jay Ryder. Time to the Fall Town Meeting is short, need the boards to work out the wording by the end of October. He will communicate with Jay and get back to the committee members.
 - Jennifer had provided an electronic copy before the meeting of a legal paper from Kopelman and Paige, P.C. addressing solar and wind energy facilities under the State zoning act and the Green Communities.
 - David provided a handout showing the 103 communities in Massachusetts that have received Green Community designation. Note that few are in the South Coast region.
- Norm noted that we should consider rezoning if necessary.
 - Steve responded that we should at least consider rezoning the land fill for Town Meeting. Adjust the industry boundary from the adjoining lot to include the land fill.
 - Jennifer commented that going beyond that to consider other locations would take forever probably. What process is needed to get the land fill rezoned?

8. David noted that the 24 September meeting will be the Regional meeting. David has invited the Lakeville Chairman to address their process for Green Community Certification. He has not yet received a response.

9. 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: 24 Sep, 22 Oct, 26 Nov. The Fall Town Meeting is scheduled for 26 November so we will have to move our meeting. A number of possibilities were discussed but no decision made. Each committee member should provide David a list of potential alternate dates so that a decision can be made.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully,



Norman A. Hills, secretary

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