

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
28 Jan 2013

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

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Jennifer Francis	Rob Fisher
Bill Saltonstall	Steve Kokkins
3. Others present: David Briggs
4. The minutes from 19 Nov 2012 were approved.
5. Green Community qualification discussion:
  - Criterion #1 – as-of-right (bylaw):
    - Bill and Jennifer have met with Jon Witten to discuss the draft bylaw. He would like to see agreement with the Planning Board before Town Meeting.
    - Bill and Jennifer provided a revised draft of the bylaw to review. They want to meet with Ted and Sherman within a week or two, but so far there has been no response about a date from Ted and Sherm. Comments and questions:
      - Roof mounted system modified from the previous draft to eliminate the restriction of solar output to 1.2 times that used on the premises
      - Review the 6 inch projection above the roof to insure that it is not too restrictive for typical roof-mounted commercial systems
      - Revise 16.6.5 to “Clearing of forested areas for solar arrays is prohibited”
      - Need to clearly show the location of the land fill on the map of the proposed Municipal Solar Overlay District
      - Verify that the proposed wording for the overlay district meets the requirements for Green Communities as-of-right (Criterion #1) with Jon Witten and DOER.
      - Planning Board minor site plan review of the proposed solar site at the land fill is an unnecessary series event; the DEP Post Closure Project process has DEP performing a site review.
  - Criterion #3 – energy audit:
    - David reported that he had met with the CIPC to discuss the proposed capital improvement items for the lighting and sensor work.
    - Norm reported that he had talked with Judy Mooney today and been told that it looked like all of the lighting and sensor projects were going to be lumped into one separate warrant article. This is different than we had previously been led to believe. Norm will follow up to get details.
    - Bill reported that he had toured the town’s pumping stations with the TNT Energy representative on 25 Jan. It appears that there are some improvements that can be made to achieve energy savings. Waiting report from TNT Energy.
  - Criterion #4 – Fuel efficient vehicles

- Not discussed
- Criterion #5 -Stretch Code:
  - Not discussed.

6. Energy Wise articles:

- Discussion again focused on developing articles to support the warrant articles we will be preparing for the Spring Town Meeting. Norm, Bill, and Jennifer will work on them once the solar bylaw and overlay wording have been finalized.

7. A brief discussion of potential new committee members suggested a few names. No decisions were made.

8. Draft of the annual report was reviewed and approved.

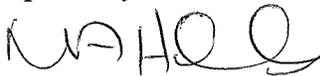
9. Norm provided a brief overview of the Municipal Solar Seminar that he attended at UMass Dartmouth.

10. David Briggs provided copies of a newspaper article about rooftop solar panels installed by a third party at no cost to the homeowner, suggesting that it should be something to investigate. Bill explained that the solar project proposed for the landfill would provide the same opportunity but for many more homes that don't have suitable siting.

11. Our next scheduled meeting is 25 Feb 2013. The meeting scheduled for 27 May 2013 will be moved to 3 June 2013 as 27 May is Memorial Day. Norm will verify location of meeting.

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully,



Norman A. Hills, secretary

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