

MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

28 April 2014

1. The meeting convened at 8:00 PM in the Music Hall.
2. EMC attendees:

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Eileen Marum	Bill Saltonstall
Rob Fisher	
3. Others present: Luke Hinkle
4. The minutes from March 24, 2014 meeting were approved.
5. Green Community topics:
 - TNT Energy has replaced the boiler at the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Music Hall. Norm will talk to Gene Jones about the savings at Sippican School since the energy improvements have been made.
 - Bill Saltonstall reviewed that proposed change to our solar bylaw warrant article that reflects the agreement with the Planning Board. A motion was made and accepted to present this at the Town Meeting. Bill will discuss with the Town Moderator.
 - Energy Insight – no update.
 - Stretch code – no update, discuss after Town Meeting.
6. Solar on the Landfill:
 - Bill Saltonstall reviewed the revised version of the proposed RFP. The changes were mostly administrative and provided more clarity. He noted that Paul Dawson has not yet seen this version. A motion was made and approved to accept this revised version.
 - Bill noted that he had filled out and submitted the pre-application form for the electrical interconnect to NSTAR. The eventual developer will not have to do this.
 - Bill also noted that a review of the as-built plans for the capped landfill reveal that the area on top is outside the 100 foot buffer to the wetlands.
7. Briggs Solar Project – Luke Hinkle provided his insight and opinion of the ongoing ordeal with the ZBA
 - NAICS is a meaningless argument
 - Light manufacturing assumes manufacturing, don't argue from this base
 - ZBA wants a quick answer to show the judge
 - He suggested a checklist be provided to the ZBA related to the concept of manufacturing that would definitely show that a solar farm is not manufacturing
 - Explain to the ZBA that their argument is not supportable
 - The next ZBA meeting is 15 May.

Luke mentioned that he will be presenting a Green Grid discussion on 10 May and we were welcome to attend.

Norm Hills provided a revised draft submittal to the ZBA that states the EMC position. A motion was made to draft a submittal letter and send it to the ZBA. Motion passed.

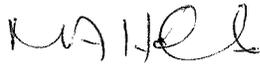
8. Energywise article – Norm and Jennifer will draft an article identifying the energy efficiency upgrades accomplished by TNT Energy this winter, another about the success of the Explore Home Solar meeting, and one to explain the need for the warrant article allowing the BOS to sign a lease for a solar installation on the landfill.

9. Bill informed us that Keith Mann has signed up New Bedford for 25% of the output of his wind project. This means that the project will soon obtain financing and construction can start.

10. Future meeting dates proposed for 2014: May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24, no December meeting. Times are at 7PM unless otherwise noted. It was noted that the May 26 meeting is a holiday and all agreed to reschedule that meeting to June 2.

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman Hills", written in a cursive style.

Norman Hills