

# MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

26 January 2015

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

David Pierce	Norman Hills
Eileen Marum	Bill Saltonstall
Rob Fisher	
3. Minutes: the minutes for 27 November, 2014 were approved.
4. Green Community topics:
  - Stretch code – no update. Not sure status of new Stretch Code.
  - Energy Insight – Bill has finished developing the square footage of heated area in each Town building needed as part of the program. Discussion centered on coordinating a meeting with the BOS and Seth Pickering to reinforce the usefulness and benefits of the using the system. It was generally agreed that pursuing this should be a priority effort.
5. Solar on the Landfill:
  - My Generation Energy is proceeding with the engineering and layout of the project to support their application to NSTAR.
6. Briggs Solar Project:
  - The Planning Board (S. Kokkins, R. Lane) made their appeal to the ZBA on 22 January 2015. The ZBA asked no questions and took the appeal under advisement. The ZBA will provide a decision at their meeting on 26 February 2015.
  - Bill reported that the 3 December 2015 education meeting that was held for potential participants was well attended and lots of questions were answered. A share will cost \$5K and will return at least \$7.2K in 10 years.
7. Other topics included:
  - Concern was raised that EMC input on renewable energy topics in the ongoing Master Plan development may not get addressed. One method to consider would be providing inputs on the SRPEDD website.
  - The down payment for the wind turbines for the Future Generation Wind project has been made. ConEdison has signed an agreement with the Project. Future Generation has made the interconnection payment and has a turbine maintenance agreement.
  - Energy aggregation; no update, Paul Dawson has not responded to David's letter on the subject. Bill will talk to Paul.
  - Rob reported that he has met with Judy Mooney to get the account information. Bill noted that the LED street lights have been installed on Ryder Lane. Norm noted that the installation of LED streetlights provide the potential for combining other capabilities such as WiFi, video monitors, weather monitors.
  - Short discussion addressed the concept of a bylaw to require solar panels on the roof of large residential and commercial projects. It was noted that this could be integrated into the ongoing Master Plan development.
8. Energywise articles – potential subjects are (1) Briggs project update, (2) Future Generation Wind project update, (3) Benson Brook Project update.

9. The revised draft of the annual report was reviewed. One change was made and it was voted unanimously to provide the draft as revised to the Town Administrator.

10. Meetings for 2015 are: February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 23. Times are at 7PM unless otherwise noted.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully,

Norman Hills



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