

# MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

9 February 2016

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

2. EMC attendees:

David Pierce  
Eileen Marum  
Bill Saltonstall  
Jim Bride

Norman Hills  
Jennifer Francis  
Rob Fisher

3. Others present: Andrea Ray (Wanderer)

4. Minutes: the minutes for 23 November 2015 were approved.

5. Green Community topics:

- David suggested that we schedule Seth Pickering to an upcoming meeting so that he can provide us with the latest Green Community information
- Jennifer noted that getting Energy Insight up and running is a controlling path. Discussion centered on the need for a consolidated billing from Eversource. Rob reported that he had been communicating with Judy Mooney and she reported that they had received a consolidated billing but they are still trying to figure it out.
- Green Community 101 presentation – no update

6. Benson Brook Solar Garden (capped Landfill):

- Jennifer reported that a letter had been sent to Senator Pacheco outlining the delay due to the larger Mattapoisett developers excluding our project from the ongoing substation redesign. No response has been received. The Senator will be having another office hour on February 11 and she and Norm will ask about the letter. David suggested giving the Senator a call to notify him that the subject will be discussed.

7. Tucker Road Solar Project:

- No one knew the current status of the project. It was reported that they had provided the escrow needed.

8. Other topics included:

- Future Generation Wind project – Three turbines have been erected, the fourth is going up. Bill noted that the Bourne Board of Health is suing the project. Eversource is still working to get the project connected to the grid.
- Energy aggregation – Jennifer asked if anyone had noticed if their electric bill had changed to reflect the energy aggregation price. No one knew the answer.
- LED street lights – Rob reported that it was still tied up with sorting out the consolidated billing. He has provided Judy a copy of the report that Bridgewater State University had received, he has volunteered to do the leg-work if Judy will approve. Discussion addressed the suggestion to write Judy a letter formally volunteering to help, pointing out that the continued delay is impacting a number of initiatives.; it was decided that Rob would talk to Judy one more time first.
- Sippican School energy savings – Norm had previously electronically distributed the chart received from Gene Jones. Norm has discussed the information and determined that there are so many other changes in use of the building that we cannot definitely attribute any particular cost savings to the lighting upgrades. Gene did comment that in his opinion they have helped significantly.

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- Energy Management Plan (EMP) – no update. Discussion addressed possibility of requiring solar roof panels on large commercial or residential projects as a result of the Master Plan. The subject has not been brought up during a workshop, should consider adding comment to the website.
- Electric cars – Jennifer reported that we have received our grants to proceed with the acquisition and bids have been requested. We have looked at site to install the charging station at the Atlantis Drive Facility. Evan had received a bid from Nissan that was recalled, the situation is unclear and Jennifer will contact Evan for more information.
- Piney Point Beach Club – Jennifer reported that the Piney Point Beach Club is talking to My Generation representative about roof-mounted solar panels. Panels on the roof would provide more energy than they could use so they are investigating what to do with the excess.
- Microgrid – Jim noted that he was interested in determining if there is a potential that we should investigate further. He will talk to Dartmouth representatives to determine what they are doing as they are leading with progressive concepts.

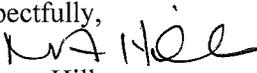
9. Energywise articles – Discussion centered on waiting until we get the electric car and then writing an article.

10. Annual Report – A draft of the Annual Report had been distributed. Jim Bride noted that his name should be corrected to James H. Bride, III. The annual report was approved with this correction.

11. Meetings for 2016 schedule: 22 Feb, 28 Mar, 25 Apr, 23 May, 27 Jun, 25 Jul, 22 Aug, 26 Sep, 24 Oct, 28 Nov

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully,

  
Norman Hills