

EEC Meeting Minutes July 11, 2012

Present: Charlie Case, Ed Henningsen, Ben Brickett

Guests: Catherine Corkery (Sierra Club), Kim Richards (Resident)

Call to order: 4:30 PM

- A. Approval of February through June minutes postponed due to lack of a quorum
- B. Solar Proposal for Public Works Buildings – Ben reported that he expects to receive a proposal by the end of July for a Solar Electric installation which would generate all electricity used by the Town Garage and the Transfer Station. The Solar Electric system would be installed at no cost to the Town (and owned by the installer) with an agreement that we would purchase our electricity from the installer for a set period. After that we would have the opportunity to purchase the system at a fraction of its installed cost. The information in this proposal should be sufficient for us to approach the BOS to see if they would be willing for us to pursue this opportunity further.
- C. Audit Findings for Town Garage and Transfer Station and Recommended Energy Improvements – Ed discussed audit findings for the Town Garage and Transfer Station. Now that audits have been completed on all of the municipal buildings, Ed agreed to prioritize further energy improvement opportunities for all of the buildings that we can present to the BOS. He expects to prioritize lighting improvements as first priority, followed by insulation and weatherization repairs, and then HVAC and HW upgrades.
- D. Festival Day Booth – Monique will be able to staff the EEC booth for Festival Day and has two interested students ready to help her. Charlie will reserve a spot for the EEC and review details for the booth with Monique.

Discussion with our Guests – Catherine Corkery explained that the Sierra Club has analyzed air pollution in Eliot and the surrounding region from the PSNH Schiller Station across the river in Portsmouth and Newington. She said that although Schiller does not use coal at this time, it is still a source of pollution and does not have a current license from the EPA. The Sierra Club believes that PSNH can do much more using today's scrubber technology to clean up their stack gasses but are reluctant to do so because of cost. While the Sierra Club can plot levels of pollution in areas near the plant, they can't match health problems with the pollution levels yet. There will soon be new more stringent EPA rules and the Sierra Club wants to be sure that these new rules are enforced at the Schiller Station by the EPA. They would like the Town of Eliot to express its concern to the proper authorities because the Town is directly affected. Ben agreed to speak with a member of the BOS to get a sense whether the BOS may be willing to address the Sierra Club's concerns.

Adjourned: 5:45 PM

Approved Jan 9, 2013

Charles A. Case

