

EEC Meeting Minutes May 14, 2014 draft

Present: Charlie Case, Ed Henningsen

Guests: Jack Murphy (Selectman), Dana Lee (Town Manager), Laurel McEwen (former EEC member)

Call to order: 4:30 PM, Adjourned: 5:30 PM

A. Approval of March and April Meeting Minutes was postponed due to lack of a quorum

B. Status of Phase 2 Solar Project – We have six potential bidders for our Phase 2 Solar Project so far. Our advertisement has produced two additional interested companies beyond the four we already identified to bid on a Power Purchase Agreement contract similar to the Phase 1 Solar on the Town Garage. It is expected that it will take 1 – 2 years to start this project once the town has approved going forward.

C. Energy Data Collection for MSAD 35 Schools – Monique reported prior to the meeting that she would be working on MSAD35 energy inventory data after the semester ends next week. We discussed the savings achieved a few years ago by connecting Marshwood High to natural gas and what the challenges would be to extend natural gas to the Middle School. It was mentioned that extending natural gas down route 236 was one possibility that had been raised as a TIF project.

D. Prioritized Energy Savings Initiatives for Municipal Buildings - Ed presented his preliminary summary and will refine it for the next EEC meeting.

<u>Building</u>	<u>Lighting Upgrades</u>	<u>Mechanical Upgrades</u>	<u>Weatherization Upgrades</u>	<u>Total by Building</u>
Town Hall	\$6,000	\$14,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
Fire Station	\$8,100	\$8,000	\$26,000	\$42,100
Police Station	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$23,000
Town Garage	\$8,200	\$12,000	\$9,000	\$29,200
Totals	\$30,300	\$42,000	\$47,000	\$119,300

Ed suggested we do lighting upgrades for all buildings under one contract to achieve a cost benefit and do those upgrades first. Ed will send technical information to Dana and Dana will send out the RFP. Laurel McEwen agreed to assist Ed on the lighting upgrade project.

E. Latest on Possible Funding Source from SEI Program – Neither Ed nor Dana have heard any more from Perry Ellsworth (South Berwick Town Manager) or John Rudolph (lead on the SEI rotating loan program) about possible funding for Eliot from the proceeds of transferring the SEI program to Efficiency Maine. These funds would be earmarked for energy savings projects. Ed will follow up. SEI funding is from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and contractors will need to meet Davis Bacon and “Buy American” requirements.

- F. Group Discussion – Preparing Support for Town Meeting Capital Improvement Plan Requests
- Article 32: \$14,000 Energy Capital for Public Works
 - Article 20: \$28,000 Capital for Energy Improvements to Municipal Buildings

Charlie agreed to put together a two page graphical handout for town meeting supporting our requests.

G. Group Discussion – Proposed Change to Town Ordinance Governing Municipal Boards, Commissions and Committees – would allow Intern Members and Video Conferencing. We felt that this proposed change was well written and would be helpful to us on the EEC.