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EEC Minutes June 10 2015 Meeting

Present: Jack Murphy, Laurel McEwen, Charlie Case, Nick Lillis,

Guests: Grant Hirst, James Tessier.

Call to Order 4:30 PM

A. Approval of May Minutes was postponed due to lack of a quorum

B. Landfill Solar Project: We discussed the revised landfill solar size and agreed that a system that would produce 175,000 kwh per year (in addition to the 50,000 kwh we already get from the garage solar) would cover most of our municipal usage by 2020. It is estimated that the Town will need to put $50 K to $55 K per year aside in a reserve account to buy the system after 6 years, but we'll have a better number after Barrington Power updates their bid.

C. School Participation in Solar: Dana and Charlie met with Randy Stewart (MSAD35 Business Manager) and agreed that the schools should not participate because their electricity delivery charges are tied to peak usage not actual usage, thus limiting the savings they would see. We also talked how we can help them follow up on a) reducing their total usage, b) reducing their CMP demand charges, and c) eliminating their ISO New England capacity tag charges.

D. We discussed alternative TIF ideas and of course would like to see some TIF funds pay for solar, but we think that won't pass muster. We liked the list the TIF Committee has already come up with, particularly infrastructure such as natural gas. We did not have any new thoughts to add.

Adjourn 5:30 PM

Approved July 8, 2015
C.A. Case