

EEC Meeting Minutes August 14, 2013

Present: Charlie Case, Monique Lillis, Ben Brickett, Ed Henningsen

Guests: Rosie Alleva (Marshwood Intern), Joel Moulton, Dan Blanchette, Jack Murphy

Call to order: 4:30 PM, Adjourned 6:00 PM

A. July minutes were approved

B. Public Works Solar PPA Project Update – Ben reported that the solar installation on the Town Garage has produced 7,600 KWH of electricity and saved about 14,000 lb of CO<sub>2</sub> since power generation started on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The content of an informational sign was discussed in detail. Ed agreed to follow up and send out a proposed layout to the EEC, Joel and ReVision Energy. The sign will be placed at the Transfer Station with the Town Garage roof with its solar panels in the background. The EEC will pay for the sign and the Public Works Dept will install it. Ben agreed to update the electrical generation data on Saturdays. Joel agreed to include solar performance data in his BOS reports. Charlie spoke with Grant Hirst at a recent event and asked if the BOS would be interested in a behind the scenes tour of the solar installation and he indicated they would be very interested. Charlie and Joel will determine when that tour could be and will include others such as a team from Marshwood.

C. Updates to Town Hall – Ed Henningsen reported that Mark Hunter will delay the updates to the Town Hall until the weather cools down. Working in the attic space at the Town Hall during the summer would have been difficult. The updates include insulation and sealing of the utility room to prevent heat from escaping into the attic.

D. Discussion about possible warrant article for town energy related improvements – Ed suggested that the EEC take a new approach to ask the BOS and the voters to fund energy related improvements. Dan explained that the BOS must approve any warrant articles or referendum questions prior to them being put to the voters. There are two types of warrant articles – the open type (example: article 13 from the 2013 Town Meeting), and the closed type (example: article 16 from the 2013 Town Meeting). The closed type can only be amended to be less than proposed. A warrant article can't include explanatory or sales data but notes with supporting information can follow the article. We asked Dan if a warrant article for the Town Meeting or a referendum article would be preferable. Dan suggested that a referendum article could be better if the Budget Committee gives its support.

D. Planning for Eliot Festival Day September 28th – Charlie reported that the EEC booth has been registered and we will be in the same location near the Fire Station as we have been in the past. We plan to include information on ways residents can save energy, the new solar installation on the Town Garage, energy reduction successes on Town buildings and information on our Climate Action Plan which outlines recommended actions to achieve energy savings outlined in the Town Comprehensive Plan. It was voted to spend up to \$300 to print the Climate Action Plan so that it is available at Festival Day. Rosie agreed to help staff our booth and Ben will bring several solar panels.

E. FY 12 & 13 energy inventory status – Monique reported that she has not been able to get a log in and password to access CMP on line data so she could complete the inventory for both years. Charlie agreed to contact CMP.

Jack reported that he has been working on a draft policy to cover committee meetings with members attending remotely via Skype (voice and video). We plan to have Monique attend meetings from Bowdoin via Skype. Key issues for the BOS include whether Skype attendees can vote. Charlie commented that many large companies hold meetings with attendees from multiple locations and that process works well.

It was agreed that our next meeting will be held on September 18, 2013 (a week later than usual).