

EEC Minutes September 9 2015 Meeting draft

Present: Jack Murphy, Laurel McEwen, Charlie Case, Ed Henningsen

Guest: Dana Lee

Call to Order 4:30 PM

Charlie reported that he is moving to Stratham NH and therefore must resign from the EEC effective at the end of the September meeting.

A. Minutes for August were approved with changes

B. Solar Phase 2 Project Update: Charlie and Dana met on August 13 to go over Barrington Power's updated Landfill Solar proposal which will add enough solar generation capacity to power all of the Town's municipal buildings by 2020. In the review it was clear that the Town can't use all of the proposed Landfill Solar power until our contract with Maine Power Options (a power consolidator for municipalities and non profits to provide low cost power) expires Nov 1, 2016. As a result, the BOS presentation has been postponed until October 22. Charlie agreed to return and present the project to the Selectmen. A public hearing will be scheduled later. The success of the Garage Solar installation, operational since July 2013 helps demonstrate the large savings the Town can achieve of increasing our solar capability. Dana plans to ask the Town for a commitment for a 2016 installation under a Power Purchase Agreement contract where a company pays installation costs and the Town pays the company for all power generated.

C. Possible Opportunity for LED Street Lights - Ed: Ed reported that York is considering converting their street lights to LEDs, saving a substantial amount of electricity. York was approached by Celtic Energy with a proposal. There will be a presentation and workshop with the York Board of Selectmen on September 21. Ed agreed to attend the workshop and report back. The EEC has discussed this possibility on a number of occasions but CMP owns the street lights (and the poles they are on) and so far CMP has resisted efforts by Maine municipalities to make the conversion.

D. 2015/2016 Energy Reduction Projects: Our primary project for 2015/2016 will be weatherization of the Fire Station. Dana has completed a draft RFP for the Fire Station work based on Ed's technical scope. Ed and Dana will set up a walk through for potential bidders.

E. Town Hall Temperature Measurements – Dana has the correct equipment to make the temperature measurements needed to rebalance the HVAC system. Last winter, the offices at the ends of the building were colder than normal and required extra electric space heaters (expensive) to maintain an acceptable temperature. He expects to make the measurements over the next month or so.

F. Festival Day: Charlie has delivered Festival Day materials to Dana. Nick will set up and staff our booth.

Adjourned 5:15 PM