

EEC Meeting Minutes October 8, 2014 draft

Present: Charlie Case, Ed Henningsen, Jack Murphy, Monique Lillis via Skype, Nick Lillis (intern)

Guests: Dana Lee (Town Manager), Grant Hirst (BOS Liaison), Christine Bennett

Call to Order 4:30 PM, Adjourned 5:45 PM

Christine Bennett joined the meeting and will apply to be an EEC member. This will bring our membership to six, still leaving one open spot.

A. August and September meeting minutes were approved

B. Festival Day Booth Report – Charlie and Ben set up the booth including a demonstration solar panel. Nick staffed the booth all day and had about 25 visitors. All agreed that the EEC booth is an important venue to reach out to the community.

C. Lighting Upgrade Project Completion & Funding for Additional Energy Projects – All of our lighting projects are complete and Dana is waiting for a final accounting from S. Berwick (lead Town for SEI funding). He expects around \$18K to be available for other energy efficiency projects. We addressed three project areas: replacement of the inefficient and leaking boiler at the Town Garage, replacement of six inefficient lamps in town owned pole lamps with LEDs, and remaining weatherization improvements. A rebate from Efficiency Maine is available to fund most of the pole lamp LED conversion cost. Dana will get an approximate cost to replace the Garage boiler; and will contact Springer Electric to find out the total cost for the pole lamp conversion. Charlie distributed a rough list of remaining weatherization projects based on the professional energy audits from 2011 and 2012. Ed will update the list and suggest priorities at the next meeting.

D. Solar Phase 2 RFP – Dana, Ben and Charlie met to finalize the solar phase 2 RFP and it was sent out to 7 potential bidders. One has indicated that they will not bid. Another has questions that Ben will answer. None of the bidders have asked for a site visit yet. Planned EEC presentations and public hearing for the solar phase 2 project have not been scheduled yet.

E. Maine Power Options/Constellation New Energy Contract – Dana will likely sign up at a fixed price for electricity generation for \$.0932 per kwh in calendar years 2015 and 2016 covering pump stations 1 & 3 plus the Town Hall. He will check to see if the Fire Department should be included. He noted that MSAD35 has locked in the same rate. The potential for large electricity rate increases was discussed and our fixed price contract will limit that impact. Rapidly escalating cost of electricity will make our proposed phase 2 solar installation even more attractive.

F. Inventory Status – Dana will ask the town treasurer to scan copies of monthly electric bills for each building for Monique and Nick so we can track the benefits of our recent lighting upgrades. He will also ask for scanned bills for the Garage, Transfer Station and Police Station covering FY14.