

EEC Meeting Minutes Oct 9, 2013

Present: Charlie Case, Monique Lillis (via Skype), Ben Brickett, Ed Henningsen

Guests: Rosie Alleva (Marshwood Intern), Jack Murphy

Call to order: 4:30 PM, Adjourned 5:15 PM

A. August 2013 and September 2013 meeting minutes were approved

B. Public Works Solar PPA Project Update – It was voted to approve \$650 to construct a sign describing the solar project, and located so that people using the Transfer Station can understand the project details with the solar panels clearly visible in the background. Jack suggested that we discuss the sign design and location with the Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Marchese before we proceed. Charlie agreed to make that contact. Saturday Nov 2nd will work for Joel Moulton as a date to provide a “behind the scenes” tour of the solar installation at the Town Garage for the BOS and others. We agreed that we should schedule the BOS alone at 9 AM to provide time for detailed questions in a small group and others at 10 AM. Our list of invitees includes Town Administration, Town Department heads and others they may want to include from their departments, the Budget Committee, the Conservation Commission, the Business Development Committee, and key folks from Marshwood. Charlie agreed to facilitate the tour invitation. Tour guides will be Joel Moulton supported by the installer ReVision Energy. Ben agreed to contact ReVision Energy regarding the tour. Ben also reported that he has asked ReVision Energy to help us examine the feasibility of a much larger solar installation on top of the landfill cap.

C. Latest on Updates to Town Hall – Ed reported that contractor Mark Hunter is on track to do specific weatherization repairs on the Town Hall within the next month. This effort was postponed at Mark’s request due to very high summertime temperatures in the attic where most of the work will take place.

D. Finalize FY15 (July 1, 2014 to June 30 2015) Budget Request including a warrant article or referendum article for town energy related improvements – Charlie presented a draft budget request including \$2,500 for EEC expenses, \$7,000 toward a reserve account to purchase the solar system after 6 years, and \$28,000 to fund weatherization improvements as a warrant article or referendum article. Charlie will do the final updates to the request and submit it to the BOS prior to Nov 1, 2013.

E. Report on Eliot Festival Day– Rosie and Jack staffed our booth for the day with some assistance from Charlie. Rosie reported that we had many visitors with interest in discussing details. BOS members Mike Moynahan and Grant Hirst also visited the booth. We provided information on ways residents can save energy, the new solar installation on the Town Garage, a banner stating “SOLAR YEA WE GOT IT”, and our Climate Action Plan which outlines recommended actions to achieve energy savings outlined in the Town Comprehensive Plan. Rosie agreed to help staff our booth. Ben provided a solar panel. We voted to spend \$115 on the solar banner.

F. FY 12 & 13 energy inventory status – Monique reported that she has all data now except for FY 13 Gagnon information. She will follow up. Charlie and Monique will put together a report for the BOS.