

EEC Meeting Minutes Nov 13, 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. October 2013 meeting minutes were approved

B. Public Works Solar PPA Project Update – The Board of Selectmen and others toured the Solar Installation on the Town Garage, Saturday November 2nd with the EEC on hand to answer questions. Josh Baston from ReVision Energy attended to assist us. The BOS were also shown the large area of the capped landfill as a potential site for a much larger phase 2 system that could power all of Eliot's municipal facilities. Technology for solar installations on capped landfills is well proven (see E below). The information sign for the solar project has been completed and the Code Enforcement Officer said no permit is required. Ben will contact Joel to get the sign installed shortly. Ben reported that the system has generated 21,169 kwhs as of this morning, November 13th.

C. Net Energy Billing for the Solar Project – Charlie reported that he started examining all of the CMP data for the Town Garage, the Transfer Station and the Police Station. He contacted Carol Purinton, CMP's Manager of Interconnection Services to determine why solar power generated at the Garage was not being properly credited to the Transfer Station and the Police Station as planned. Carol responded quickly and the CMP billing office reported that they had made an error, apologized and were correcting it. Charlie will finalize his examination of the CMP data and send the results to Joel Moulton.

D. Discussion on Preparing for FY 15 Budget presentations to the BOS & Budget Committee – Our budget request was submitted to the Town in late October with three parts: 1) Committee expenses, 2) Request for the Town to start an account so that the Solar Power System can be purchased after 6 years at a substantial discount, and 3) Request that the Town begin funding weatherization improvements for Town Buildings per our plan based on the professional energy surveys that were completed. Jack expects that budget presentations will start in January.

E. Methuen's 5,000 panel Landfill Solar – Charlie described the very large 5,000 panel solar power installation on the Methuen MA capped landfill. This system uses weighted structures to hold the panels in place without the need to penetrate the landfill cap and works very well. In fact the new Kittery Town Manager, Nancy Colbert Puff, coordinated this installation at her previous job. Charlie will ask her if she would be a resource for us as we develop our phase 2 solar proposal.

F. Latest on Updates to Town Hall – Ed reported that contractor Mark Hunter has completed the weatherization repairs on the Town Hall.

G. FY 12 & 13 Energy Inventory Status – Monique reported that she has all of the data needed except for the Gagnon data for FY 13. Charlie agreed to contact Gagnon to expedite this since the data will be very helpful to have as we do our budget presentations.