

ISLESBORO ENERGY COMMITTEEMEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019
4:45 PM

- 1 CALL TO ORDER** 4:45 p.m.
- 2 ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Holly F, Toby M, Dick D, Dave P, Jim R, Janis P
- 3 APPROVAL OF APRIL MEETING MINUTES--** voice approval
- 4 PROJECT UPDATES – 5 MINUTES EACH:**
 - A. TOWN SOLAR ARRAY, IS EVERYTHING WORKING?** Holly had questions on Dave's handouts of CMP bills. 595 is year-to-date. 0.0901 cents/kw is what we pay to Revision. Panels are working and being recorded properly by equipment. PPA for Town Hall spells out when the rate we pay goes up.
 - B. STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT:** Lights and equipment will be changed over to LEDs in October.
 - C. TRANSFER STATION SOLAR ARRAY:** PPA spells out a higher rate--16 cents. Holly wondered if we should be considering putting them on the ground--more expensive, and where to put them? We can't use the septic field due to DEP. So, it looks like Transfer Station is the most obvious place since the North Fire Substation is on the back burner per Jim's discussion with Janet. Dave sent out a memo to the committee on Saturday with March 2019 PPA attached. He is waiting for more comments from Andrew at Revision with modification for 3 more panels on the potential installation at the Transfer Station for an additional \$1800. Buy out at year 6 is \$56K. Library is not appropriate because of slate roof. Jim will talk to Janet about going forward with this PPA. Dave--reminds us that Waste Water Treatment Plant is going to be paid off and Janet had thought to continue that amount of money to pay off the solar panels. Dave suggests we recommend that the Town have a set budget line or capital fund to prepare for the buy out so that there are no unpleasant financial surprises. Janis moved to go forward, Jim seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - D. EV CHARGING STATIONS:** grant in progress. Janis and Janet will work out where we may put the parking places for the chargers if we get the grant. Two companies will come out to give bids in preparation for the grant. Janis plans to present the grant to the Select Board on June 26.
 - E. COMMITTEE ADDITION TO TOWN WEBPAGE/GOOGLE SITE:** Bill would appreciate more feedback from the group on website content. Group discussion: Once we discuss a topic in group, we trust Bill to create the content. Reminder: Google docs is our storage repository for committee documents. We will have a training at next meeting.
- 5 DISCUSSION OF THE ENERGY AUDIT RESPONSE AND NEXT STEPS:** What was our response to his response? Per discussion: He relied on other people's work without citing details or sources--so Brent was basing his report on what another company did during a walk-through. We really were hoping to get an idea of top priorities for the work that needs to be done. In retrospect, we may have been better off with Evergreen. Jim plans to have a discussion with Evergreen about what they suggest we do to get going with this work (and if they are willing to do the work, and when).

- 6 LED ESTIMATE FROM SCOTT SIENKIEWICZ:** Jim has a report from Scott about replacing lights and (removing? changing? bypassing) ballasts. Janet had wanted to replace the overhead lights in the Fire Station with a Spark Grant. Jim suggested to her that we wait and do a grant for the full \$2000 rather than waste an opportunity. We will need to have an expert in LEDs help us figure out if we need to re-configure the lighting before we replace the bulbs. Move: To contact Justin Electric to get estimate on the configuration and conversion to LEDs Jim moved. Dave second. Unanimous approval.
- A. DO WE CONTACT OTHERS?**see above
- B. SPARK GRANT TO INCLUDE FIRE STATION GARAGE?**--these have rolling deadlines, can get 2/year for \$2000 each, Town has to match. We need more info before we apply. Info from Evergreen and Justin Electric will be very helpful. Island Institute has new personnel on Spark grants. Jim has contact at Island Institute, will work with her to arrange a meeting.
- 7 SCHOOL SOLAR ARRAY – OUR INVOLVEMENT--** Question from Dave: Is the school a town building. This matters to our 100% goal. Town has 8 meters. School has it's own with it's own budget. We would love to have more interaction. Are they going to use their panels as an educational tool?
- 8 STUDENT MEMBERS, MEMBERSHIP IN GENERAL--** sense of committee is that we need to move forward with getting student members. Is there a STEM person at the school? Toby reminds us that that's what the Pathways Program is supposed to do, give student the opportunity to get credit for pursuing this interest. Janis and Dave will contact science teacher John Van Dis to start the discussion.
- 9 NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Shay Conover is invited to meetings. She is aware and got an agenda. Jim will include her email address with the next agenda. 2. Sense of group is that we would like to invite Sierra Club to talk about their community programs for energy efficiency. 3. Toby got email from Frank Mundo who stated that he can't participate in the committee due to health problems. 4. We are short members. 5. If we start at 4:45, we need a way to get in the door. It has been locked.
- 10 Next Meeting:** scheduled for July 8. But agenda items appear light, so group would prefer to meet in August 12 at 4:45.
- 11 .** Motion to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

**HOLLY FIELDS
SHEY CONOVER, EX-OFFICIO
DICK DeGRASSE
TOBY MARTIN, LIAISON WITH
IET
FRANK MUNDO, ALTERNATE**

**MELISSA OLSON, SECRETARY
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