

MARCH GREEN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2015

Attending: John Snell, Peter Watkinson, David O'Neil, Bill Stason, Ed Lang, Mary Day, and Linda Conrad. Michael Haines attended the first part of the meeting.

February Minutes were unanimously approved for posting.

GREEN COMMUNITIES Haines reported on the status of projects likely for the Green Communities Grant application due later this month. They include a new boiler for Pierce House, 70 Auditorium lights, Variable Frequency Drives for the school library, wifi thermostats for Bemis Hall, CT installation, Study for Library systems upgrade, solar thermal hot water for the Public Safety Building, control system and insulation for A-Pod, wireless ventilator control system units, solar air collectors for the south-facing wall of Reid and administration costs. A quote and cost savings must be provided for each project proposed and each must be completed in less than a year in order for Lincoln to qualify for future grant monies. The committee voted unanimously to submit proposed projects that meet the criteria for the grant.

The Committee agreed that recovering waste heat should be considered as a future focus for the group.

Solar PV O'Neil reported that the Conservation Commission, who are custodians of the Transfer Station site, voted 6-0 against supporting the site for a possible solar field. ConCom has asked GETC to report back with a list of alternative sites and reasons why they were rejected and a more detailed analysis of the benefits of a solar field for the town. There was also concern expressed regarding the wetlands and placement of the security fence. Sandra Brown of Blue Wave is preparing a response. O'Neil will continue to pursue this project with Brown and the ConCom.

Discussion took place regarding whether Lincoln wanted to get to net zero electricity as a goal; in the past, the town has supported the concept of renewable energy. The committee will continue a discussion of a broader plan to explore the community support of and process of attaining net zero electricity.

Future Meetings The next meeting will be held on April 2 at 8 a.m. in the Donaldson Room of the Town Offices Building. May's meeting is scheduled for May 7th. The agenda for the April meeting will include reporting on the final project submissions and budget for the Green Communities Grant, a residential discussion as some incentives disappear in the coming year, and progress on identifying possible solar sites in town.