

October Green Energy Technology Committee Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2015

Attending: John Snell, Sue Klem, Bill Stason, Ed Lang, David O'Neil, Jennie Morris, Michael Haines, Linda Conrad, and Mary Day for part of the meeting

September minutes were amended and approved unanimously.

Grant Projects Haines and Day completed the Quarterly Report for Green Communities and submitted it on time. Haines reported that the work at the Pierce House is finished, that the monitoring at Bemis, the schools, and the Public Safety building is in process, and the LED lighting will be installed in the auditorium during winter recess.

MAPC Resiliency and Adaptation to Changing Climate Morris attended this regional planning meeting. Data will be collected from area towns in an effort to put together a regional plan in preparation for the potential impacts of climate change. A public forum will be held to address this matter on November 19, the location of which to be determined.

HATS Forum There will be a forum of representatives from Hanscom area towns to discuss broad sustainability at Lincoln Town Offices at 7:30 p.m. on December 3rd.

Residential Initiatives Klem has researched three areas including energy audits in homes, the installation of solar PV on homes through the new Solarize Mass Program, and so-called Green Power, that is making the switch to renewable energy sources through Eversource. She will continue to pursue and prioritize these initiatives.

Aggregation Plan This plan continues to be explored and discussed. The town of Lincoln could select an electricity provider that has a higher percentage of renewable energy than Eversource for all residences and small businesses. Individual residences could opt out.

Solar PV On October 19 at 7:30 this committee will have an opportunity to appear before the selectmen to talk about Solar PV at the Landfill site. Snell suggested that a brief review of what this committee has accomplished over the past few years be followed by an overview of the sites explored all over town; that will be followed by why the Landfill site continues to have promise along with the economics of such an installation. This is part of the big picture goal to advocate for the landfill site in an effort to get to 100% renewable energy. This five-minute presentation will be refined for presentation at the State of the Town in November. Snell, Morris, and O'Neil are working on this as well as plans to connect with Minuteman National Park and the residents of North Lincoln.

The Selectmen are mailing a newsletter to townspeople in preparation for the State of the Town and this committee will prepare a concise statement for inclusion in that newsletter.

O'Neil continues to follow the Blue Wave interest in moving ahead with the Public Safety Building and he is exploring sites, smaller than the Landfill, around town with Power Options and Solect who have expressed interest in smaller municipal and non-profit Solar PV installations.

November Meeting The next meeting will be November 5th at 8 a.m. in the Donaldson Room of the Town Offices Building.