

Energy Committee Minutes

February 11, 2012

Present: Steve Rice, Larry Hunter, Clark Sylvester, and Becky Torres.

The meeting convened at 7:05 PM.

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes from the last meeting on 11/12/12 were reviewed and approved as written with one minor correction.
2. Solar project at the Fire Station. Production meter was replaced, and weld bump on the pole was repaired so that the angle could be properly adjusted on the Eastern most pole. Becky is working to correct an issue on what account the excess power is being credited to. Currently, it's being credited to the Fire Station account and it should be credited against the Highway Department account.
 - a. SRECs: The Select Board signed a new contract with a new aggregator, Hampshire Power.
3. ALTRU. Rayo and ALTRU's finance rep met with Becky last week. She has been trying to negotiate the \$ rate per kwh but it has to be at the \$0.005 per kwh in order for them to meet their financial goals. The amount could go up if the price they get goes up. They still want to do the 3 MW system near Pratt Corner road.
4. Additional Solar Sites: After some discussion the committee thought it best to put on hold until we have some additional funding. We will spend a few minutes at the next meeting to look at a map to see if there are some possible sites.
5. Franklin County Transit Authority. There is only funding for the Med ride program which is being handled by the Council on Aging. This item will be deleted from the list.
6. Free Tire Inflation Station at the Maintenance Building. On hold until Fire Station environmental issue is resolved. We are waiting for a report from the D&P based on the last engineer's inspection.
7. SREC funds and Revolving account for Energy Committee. Becky will write an article for the SREC payments to go into a revolving account. Money in this account could be used to fund future energy projects. The article would need to be approved at town meeting.
8. Mass Energy Insight Data. Not discussed, but the data is up to date through December. We will review and discuss next time.
9. Next meeting is Monday, March 4, 2013, 7 PM at town hall. Agenda items will be same as above, but with # 5 dropped.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Rice