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Energy Committee Minutes

August 13, 2012

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes from the last meeting on 6/4/12 were reviewed and approved as amended.
2. The Letter of Intent from ALTRU was discussed. This LOI is in regards to the town of Shutesbury hosting a meter site for a solar generation facility. The letter which needs to be signed by the board would be an expression of interest in agreeing to 20 year contract at \$0.005/watt for a 3 mega watt plant. The final agreement would need the town's approval at a town meeting. The energy committee advised Becky that 2 questions need to be answered. 1) How is it possible that ALTRU can install a 3 MW plant when other companies had problems getting National Grid to agree? 2) Does this agreement limit the town from adding additional solar generating capacity in the future? Becky to research.
3. Solar project at the Fire Station. The vendor has ordered parts and needs to do a test dig at the sight to determine if there will be problems digging the holes for the poles.
4. Sealing and insulating at the elementary school. Becky received a bid of \$13,575 from a good contractor. Work was scheduled to be completed by August 31.
5. Franklin County Transit Authority. No action taken
6. Free Tire Inflation Station at the Maintenance Building. On hold until Fire Station environmental issue is resolved.
7. SREC funds and Revolving account for Energy Committee. Not discussed.
8. Mass Energy Insight Data. Not discussed.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. Next meeting is September 10, 2012, 7 PM at town hall. Agenda items will be additional solar sites, and Green Community Projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Rice