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Energy Committee Minutes

October 1, 2012

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

Visitor: Mary Anne Antenollis

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes from the last meeting on 9/10/12 were reviewed and approved as written.
2. Solar project at the Fire Station. Much of the work is complete; poles, racks and underground electrical are installed. PV panels still need to be put up. The vendor expects the work to be complete this week.
3. The Letter of Intent from ALTRU was discussed. Rayo Bhungarten from ALTRU called Becky and indicated that National Grid will probably only approve one of the two 3 MW sites that they proposed. Becky is trying to set up a meeting with Rayo this Friday afternoon, 10/5 at 5 PM to find out more details. Since National Grid will apparently only support one of the sites, the committee needs to obtain more information on the potential impact of the ALTRU project(s) on additional solar sites that the town may want to install.
4. Additional Solar Sites: Pending a source of funds, Shutesbury could install more PV systems at other sites. There is more room behind the fire station and also at the proposed future library site. At the next meeting we can discuss if we should file interconnection applications with National Grid to determine if they would be permitted. Apparently, this is the only way to determine whether National Grid will approve or not.
5. Proposed Winsert Workshop. Mary Anne has contacted CET about conducting a Windsert workshop to be held on October 23 and November 27. Windserts are plastic covered, wood framed inserts that go over existing windows to increase the insulating factor. She made a request to the Energy Committee to jointly sponsor this workshop so that Shutesbury residents could attend free. While the first workshop is free and provides basic information about Windserts, the second workshop cost \$35 each for the materials and instruction. In the second workshop, attendees will actually make a Windsert for one of their windows at home. The Library Friends will pay \$20 per attendee and Mary Anne requested the Energy Committee to pay \$15 per attendee up to a maximum of 20 Shutesbury residents. The public from the surrounding towns will also be invited but their workshop fee will not be subsidized. The committee members voted unanimously to support the workshop up to a total of \$300 for Shutesbury residents.
6. Franklin County Transit Authority. No action taken
7. Free Tire Inflation Station at the Maintenance Building. On hold until Fire Station environmental issue is resolved.
8. SREC funds and Revolving account for Energy Committee. Not discussed.
9. Mass Energy Insight Data. Not discussed.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. Next meeting is Monday, November 11, 2012, 7 PM at town hall. Agenda items will be additional solar sites, ALTRU Project and remaining Green Community Projects.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Rice