

Present: Mark Bolinger; Scott Nichols; Jim Nourse; Mike Novello; Dan O'Hara

Absent: Matt Brown; Kevin Sahr

1. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.
2. Approve April 8, 2019 minutes.
 - a. Scott moved; Mike 2nd. Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Discuss and vote on whether to switch to fixed-price REC contract
 - a. Original contract: takes a commission of 7%, with a minimum of \$6/REC. If we didn't sell them, Eversource would take them anyway; we might as well take them. Are there other aggregators out there? No one knows. With 20 RECs, we don't have much of a bargaining position. Power suppliers have to supply a certain percentage of RECs. Eversource can claim the RECs of individual homeowners who have solar panels without paying the homeowner. We will need to revisit selling RECs with the RF100 – so we can claim to be 100% renewable. We do 20 RECs/year, which this year is \$340.
 - b. Shall we sign this 3-year contract or wait and hope the market increases? Group does not see much monetary difference between locking in or taking the risk it goes up. Upside is probably equal to downside.
 - i. Mike moves to lock in; Scott seconds. Passes unanimously.
 - ii. Mark will forward contract to Dina to sign and submit electronically.
4. Streetlight update and discussion on which (if any) to recommend for removal
 - a. Kevin reported to Mark that Shaun is opposed to opening up the option of turning off some of the streetlights. Scott relays situation where pedestrians benefit from having streetlights; this benefit may outweigh any energy savings. There are even a few areas (near Horse Sheds) where we don't have working lights; other locations where streetlights are obscured by tree branches. We expect to hear from a few residents who may be unhappy when a few streetlights go back on.
 - b. Scott, for the committee, thanks Mark for writing the grant to Lyme Foundation for switching all streetlights (24) to LEDs.
 - c. If we get the grant, Kevin has suggested that the Selectboard put out a notice to residents, highlighting the benefits. We will be replacing 50 watt lights with the LEDs at 25 watts; cost should also reduce by approximately half. We should encourage the town to re-install the streetlight by the Horse Sheds.

- d. Eversource does have a “midnight service” where the lights turn off at midnight. The cost savings are not that significant.
- 5. Lyme PV inventory
 - a. Mark provides committee with a chart updating PV. Scott suggests we share it with the town as a PR tool. At end of May, town offices solar array will be 2 years old. Perhaps the RF100 committee can use this in its PR campaign. We will need to massage some of the data for privacy purposes.
- 6. Report back from recent local events
 - a. Hanover Sustainable Forum: Jim attended; reported out. Hanover pursuing some renewable projects that surrounding towns may be able to join.
 - b. Vital Communities Energy Roundtable: no one attended.
- 7. RF100 update
- 8. Town buildings
 - a. Fire Station did receive a Swan Grant. We should look into whether there are any energy-efficiency improvements to be proposed.
 - b. Library is going forward with roof replacement; seeking a new contract. Received a Swan grant for the roof, a new entry, removal of the library trees. Property to the east of the library is under contract; includes some trees that would shade potential PV array. Committee will keep track of roof progress.
- 9. Other Business
 - a. Dan raises the possibility of Dartmouth College buying power from the Springfield biomass plant. Dartmouth, however, will be producing mostly hot water (an energy upgrade itself) for heating at their new plant.
- 10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24p.

Next meeting: Monday, June 10.