

New Energy Resource Committee
6/18/2015 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Alan Pease, Paul McGrail, Roberta Flashman, Cathy Kristofferson, Mark Haines

Meeting opened at 7:05pm. Moved and seconded to accept the Minutes, unanimously approved.

Discussion: Municipal Aggregation

- How to create the PPA and how the Town will become an aggregator
- With the Colonial PPA the Town of Ashby is the aggregator, Colonial is the broker
- We could pay Colonial with Lodestar credits
- Solar PPA has to have purchasers for the power before it goes online. No excess energy can be put on the grid.

Ashburnham Light and Power

- Mike Rivers may be able to attend the next meeting, also on the Sterling light board.
- He explained to Paul that Unitil wouldn't sell infrastructure to Ashby, which is why we couldn't join them in their solar venture.
- Our Unitil load may restrict our solar farm size
- Joining Ashburnham may prove more restrictive, creating a smaller market.

Potential sites

- If electricity is sold to anything but a nonprofit/muni then the solar firm has to pay taxes on their equipment, so PILOT agreement would be made.

Grant usage

- Perhaps the best use of any potential grant funding would be to educate town on Solarize Ashby

Lunenburg (new large solar farm off Rt. 13)

- Mark reports they are firm that likes to use brown earth, uses investors, they are the integrator
- We need to get usage/load details from Unitil
- *Mark will speak to the MA Representative for the Lunenburg farm installer
- We need to get in touch with potential developers like SunTech
- Alan says previously no one was interested in the land fill site.
- Mark will be away 6/25 – 7/5; Alan will be gone all of August
- The next two meetings will be Tuesdays 7/7 and 7/21; plan on the following Tuesdays 8/4 and 8/18
- *Paul will get in touch with some developers
- *Mark will touch base with Cedwyn
- Alan says Lodestar will wait until 9/1 on the deal they proposed for Ashby to buy from their solar farm

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Kristofferson