

Colrain Energy Committee, 3/21/19, Meeting Notes, 6:00 PM

Present: Elizabeth Erickson, Rocky Lively, Peter Brooks, Lynn DiTulio, Jon Jagreze, Bing Waldsmith

1. The meeting notes of February 21, 2019 were accepted. Tonight's notes are recorded by Peter.
2. Community Choice Aggregation; Peter reported that at the last meeting at FRCOG, Mark Capadona of Colonial Power discussed whether each community would want to see the bid price for their power supply or whether they would only want to see the single cost for the aggregated communities. Naturally people like to see more information but they will see that there will be minor differences in cost. A direction was not reached and another meeting will be held.
 - c. Colrain Central School energy audit. Elizabeth reported that the U Mass instructor brought his class of 15 to take part in the audit. They walked the exterior noting the ventilation and temperature with an infrared scanner. They looked inside in attic spaces and the boiler room. They noted places above the ceiling where there was no air barrier between the heated space and the cold open attic. The instructor took time to visit with the 4th grade class to talk about basic concepts of heat energy movement. We should receive their report before the end of May.
4. Town Garage Insulation project; Peter has photographed the garage walls and looked at the original project plans and specs. Jon has spoken with a contractor regarding the lower cost for an exterior finish system rather than the cement fiber siding originally used. Lynn has collected the front end spec documents. Peter could write a "scope of work" to be included referencing the original documents, but he does not quite see how that could be bid. If another system were chosen then probably W&S would need to provide new bid documents. Lynn will set up a meeting with Peter, Kevin and Jack within 2 weeks to discuss the options on how to proceed. However the project proceeds Peter could do the project oversight and save the Town money if the liability issue can be resolved.
5. Town Solar Options; Lynn has spoken with several solar installers and they are scheduled to look at the sights next Tuesday at 10 AM. The installers include the Solar Store, NorthEast, PV2 and Valley Solar. They will be looking at 3 locations at the school, the transfer station and the garage. NorthEast is coming at 2 PM, meeting at the garage.
 - The Solar Store has said the cost would increase to \$5 per watt for a prevailing wage project, they think that tracking systems are worth the extra cost of installation.
 - Combining the results of their feedback we should be able to write an RFP, with FRCOG's help, and add to our grant from DOER for funding.
 - Peter and Jon will attend the 10 AM meeting with Lynn and one of the installers.

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6. Action Items;

- Peter will attend the next CCA meeting.
- Elizabeth to receive the U Mass audit report.
- Lynn and Peter will meet with Kevin and Jack regarding the garage project.
- Jon Peter & Lynn to meet with solar installers on the 26th at 10 am.