

BOLTON ENERGY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM Wednesday, May 9, 2018
Notch Road Municipal Center, Room 10

Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Richard Dziadul, Vice-Chairman William Hebert, Jim Adams, Andrew Macomber, and Rodney Fournier (arrived 7:26 p.m.)

Members Absent: Brian Blass and John Stewart

Others Present: Recording Secretary Linda McDonald

1. Call to Order: Chairman R. Dziadul called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Public Comment: No public comment.
3. Approval of the March 27, 2018 special meeting minutes:

The minutes from the March 27, 2018 special meeting were amended as follows: 6a. R. Dziadul reported that, at this meeting, J. Stille said solar is not an option anywhere except at Herrick Park virtual net metering is not an option for the Town. Joyce Stille wished to emphasize the historic nature of the town and stressed the energy committee should be mindful of placing solar arrays near the historical sites in town along the main roads. She suggested Herrick Park as an example of a site that could host solar panels without historical disruption.

J. Adams MOVED to approve the March 27, 2018 minutes as amended. R. Dziadul SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:1 with A. Macomber abstaining.

4. Correspondence

a. Request for Energy Bills sent to Town of Bolton Administration: R. Dziadul reported that he is waiting for the 2017 energy bills from the Town Administration.

b. Request for Energy Bills sent to the Bolton Board of Education (BOE): R. Dziadul reported he has received the 2017 energy bills from the BOE.

5. Ongoing Business

a. Discuss update for 2017 Energy Benchmark: R. Dziadul said he, B. Blass and J. Adams will meet to prepare the 2017 Energy Benchmark after the Town's energy bill information is received.

b. Discuss response to Facilities and Safety Committee: R. Dziadul said, after walking the site at Center School, he determined there is not enough room for a 200 KW system, only a 100 KW system, due to the septic system and reserve septic system. He estimated the Town would realize \$17,000.00 yearly of electrical savings from the five projects.

c. Discuss the five sites discussed for solar projects: R. Fournier reported on his meetings with Wetlands Agent Barbara Kelly, Director of Community Development Patrice Carson, and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille and said only a tracker system would be allowable at the on

Bolton Center School site. He said the proposed sites at Town Hall, Trooper Station and Library are off the table due to wetland restrictions. The members reviewed the site plan of the five areas. Discussion followed on the possibility of a 100 KW system on the roof of the new addition at the High School. R. Fournier said he would speak with Selectman Robert Morra on the committee's proposal of solar at the high school.

R. Dziadul said the committee's plan for municipal solar projects has changed significantly based on the information provided by R. Fournier, so the business case team will discuss the Center School and Fire Station locations and possibly a location at the High School on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. R. Dziadul said he will call Capital for Change for financing information to bring to the group.

d. Discuss Zero Emissions Renewable Energy Credits (ZRECS): R. Dziadul said Small ZREC applications would be accepted until the October-November 2018 timeframe and the installations would take place in the summer of 2019. He explained there are only a few solar companies that would take on a tracker system project.

6. New Business: J. Adams volunteered to research the Eversource funded program for installing an electric car charging station at the BOE, Town Hall and Bolton High School. A. Macomber volunteered to join the Business Case Team, if needed.
7. Adjournment: R. Fournier MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. A. Macomber SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald

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Please see minutes of subsequent meetings for approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.