

BOLTON ENERGY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 8, 2018
Notch Municipal Center
Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Richard Dziadul, Rodney Fournier, John Stewart, Jim Adams, and Brian Blass (who arrived 7:12 p.m.)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Richard Dziadul called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Public Comment: None entered.

3. Approval of minutes:

J. Adams MOVED to approve the **May 16, 2018 minutes**. R. Fournier SECONDED the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

Changes mentioned for the **July 31, 2018 minutes**:

a) In first line of item 5, delete the "(sub?)".

b) Item d) Of the "Sell Sheet for Capital for Change" section should read:

Depending on the specifics of the PPA, it might be possible for the town to buy the solar panels as early as the 6th year. The Green Bank was developing a "blue book" for fair prices of systems at different ages. The town would need to do maintenance then, but the costs would probably be about equal to the \$.03 / kWh we would be paying if we didn't buy the system, so there would be no benefit to buying them. This might be worth consideration as panels typically have a 25 year warranty and the inverters have 15 years. R. Dziadul said he would inquire about this option with C4C.

R. Dziadul MOVED to approve the July 31, 2018 minutes as amended. J. Adams SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

4. Communications: R. Dziadul explained that he had a verbal agreement from Capital for Change (C4C) to offer a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) at \$.03 / kWh. Which was over \$0.6 less than what EverSource would be charging the Town for electricity. C4C requested that he develop a "sell sheet" because C4C had not worked with government agencies.

5. Ongoing Business

a) Discussion of the Sell Sheet for Capital for Change (C4C) funding of the three solar projects included:

1) Suggested reorganizations of the spreadsheet columns for better clarity of their interrelationships.

2) Having the CT Greenbank – a state approved agency—involved would be reassuring to BOS.

3) C4C would fund the project by giving a loan to Emerald Consulting, which would administer it.

This required that loan expenses be included in the spreadsheet.

4) J. Adams MOVED that R. Dziadul take the sell sheet to C4C. R. Fournier SECONDED the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

5) R. Dziadul would try to see Brian Sullivan of the C4C (and Emerald Consulting) to review the sell sheet.

b) Energy Benchmark Update: R. Dziadul mentioned that he and Andy Macomber had worked on transferring the collection of 2017 electricity bills for various town facilities into an Excel spreadsheet. He expected that he would be able to finish this work in the next few weeks.

c) Discussion of the next steps to advance the solar projects. It was decided that approaching C4C was the next step, then scheduling meetings with the town administrator (Joyce Stille), the Facilities and Safety Committee, and then the BOS. R. Dziadul noted that our small solar projects required that their "Zero Emissions Renewable

Energy Credits” (ZRECs) be funded by mid-November and this could not happen until we had gained approvals from all relevant town agencies. It was concluded that these three solar projects would have to wait until the next ZREC auction process, so there was no need to try to rush these projects this year.

d) Electric car chargers: Topic was tabled. J. Adams wanted to investigate them more.

6. New Business: None presented.

7. Adjournment: R. Dziadul MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. R. Fournier SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by John Stewart, Secretary of Bolton Energy Committee

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