

BOLTON ENERGY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
7:00 PM, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018  
Notch Municipal Center  
Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Richard Dziadul, William Hebert, John Stewart, Jim Adams, Rodney Fournier, Andrew Macomber, and Brian Blass (arrived at 7:10)

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

R. Dziadul MOVED to approve the Nov. 28, 2018 minutes. A. Macomber SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:1.
3. Ongoing Business:
  - a) Schedule of regular meetings for 2019. R. Dziadul MOVED to accept the tentative dates listed in the agenda: 2/5, 6/5, 8/13, and 11/12. Several people SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0.
  - b) Review of initial draft of annual status report: R. Dziadul suggested that it should be much shorter and provided a list of suggested edits. Others agreed that it did not need to get into too many specific details. J. Stewart said he would revise it and send it around for comments, but it did not seem to need a vote of approval, so it would be submitted after the chair was satisfied with the revisions.
  - c) Discussion of meeting with Bolton's Town Administrator: R. Dziadul mentioned that he learned from a recent phone call that the price of solar tracking systems would probably be around \$3.40/watt, instead of the \$2.75/watt in previous estimated costs, so he had adjusted the spreadsheets to reflect this. In addition, he raised the PPA rate to \$0.04/kWh, even though Capital for Change had not said (yet) that the \$0.03 rate was no longer available. Given these changes, the cost might be \$100,000 more, but Bolton would still save around \$20,000/year on their electrical costs. A recent Courant news story mentioned that EverSource rates would be increasing from \$0.094 to \$10.1/kWh. When our plans were presented to the Town Administrator, Joyce Stille, she mentioned several issues that needed to be determined:
    - a. The town had a contract with an electricity supplier, possibly Constellation, that had a specific rate for a defined time period. She would investigate the terms and get back to us so that these terms could be used in our estimates.
    - b. The proposed site for the trackers at Bolton Center school might be in the reserve septic field. She was going to check on that.
    - c. The roof of the high school's addition needed additional inspection to determine extent and strength and possible locations of solar panels.
    - d. The time frame is very tight for getting Bolton government's approval because of the ongoing, current budget process and other efforts related to the 300<sup>th</sup> year celebration planning.
    - e. The new town garage would not be conflicting with our planned sites behind the Center School, but it was not known whether its roof might be able to support solar panels at some time in the future.
    - f. She suggested that we investigate possible solar panel carports at the Senior Center. R. Dziadul was going to inspect the site for possible problems with power line clearances.
  - d) Discussion of draft PowerPoint slideshow was tabled until a later date.
4. Adjournment: R. Dziadul MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:33p.m. J. Adams SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by John Stewart, Secretary of Bolton Energy Committee

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