

BOLTON ENERGY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
7:00 PM, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019  
Notch Municipal Center  
Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Richard Dziadul, William Hebert, John Stewart, and Brian Blass

1. Call to Order: Chairman Richard Dziadul called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Public Comment: none
3. Approval of minutes:  
J. Stewart MOVED to approve the Dec. 11, 2018 minutes. R. Dziadul SECONDED the motion.  
MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.
4. Correspondence: R. Dziadul reported that he had made several efforts to talk to head of Capital for Change to see if they were still willing to offer a Power Purchase Agreement for our projects. However, they had not managed to speak person to person yet, so it was not clear what options were available.
5. Ongoing Business:
  - a) The committee reviewed the much shorter annual report, which had already been submitted. No concerns about it were expressed.
  - b) Meeting with Bolton's Town Administrator: Joyce Stille had emailed an answer to the issues raised at the meeting: Bolton had a contract to purchase 20% green energy at a rate of \$.09072 for 24 months; the Center School site was "not feasible as I had discussed with you"; adding solar to the new Town garage extension would require additional expenses to strengthen the roof; and high school roof was due for a replacement in 2032.
  - c) R. Dziadul presented new spreadsheet analyses (sell sheet for Capital for Change and projected savings for Bolton) that dropped the proposed Center School tracking panels and included additional costs of removing panels for new high school roof in 13 years. These changes made drastic differences in the analyses: Capital for Change would need to charge \$0.08/kWhr instead of the \$0.04/kWhr in previous analyses. This dropped the predicted Bolton electricity savings to just \$1,000 to \$1,500/year, whereas \$20,000 savings had been previously predicted. The committee discussed the various assumptions built into these analyses. One of the large unknowns was the value of the "ZRECS" that would be decided in the April, 2019 auction. B. Blass asked if there was any evidence that the solar panels on the high school might protect the roof and delay its replacement. R. Dziadul did not know of any studies, but had often heard that this was true. Another possibility would be to cut down some trees at the Center School site to allow tracking panels there. It was concluded that without the Center School site, installations at the other sites were going to have a more expensive contract. Savings to the town would not be as great as before. So, J. Stewart volunteered to review where the reserve septic field was located for the Center School, since that was the major reason against this site. There was some discussion of what the committee should do if it is decided that the solar projects were not viable. One possibility was to ask BOS for guidance. Another was to have a meeting with Bill Anderson, head of the Economic Development Committee.
  - d) The committee voted (4:0:0) to have R. Dziadul request information for the 2019 Energy Benchmark report.
6. Adjournment: R. Dziadul MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by John Stewart, Secretary of Bolton Energy Committee

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