

BOLTON ENERGY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Date: March 10, 2021

Time: 7 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting via Bolton Procedures

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Meeting ID 882 5690 6858

Members Present: Richard Dziadul - Chairman, Andy Macomber - Vice Chair, Jim Adams - Secretary

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Chairman Richard Dziadul called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- 2) Public Comment: none
- 3) Approval of meeting minutes December 16, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - a) RD motioned JA seconded motion passed 3:3:0
- 4) Correspondence
 - a) Letter from PACE, Mark Scully (President), dated Nov 9, 2020 summarizing their organization and recent accomplishments
 - b) Communication with CT Green Bank – Solar Map Program
 - c) Communication from town administration
 - i) Requested renewal of LOI for CT Green Bank Solar MAP
- 5) Ongoing Business
 - a) Progress on Solar Carport at High School
 - i) We have confirmed that the CT Green Bank Solar Map program will rebid the BHS carport project again this year 2021.
 - ii) The town admin has been asked to send a second letter of intent to the CT Green Bank, because our current letter of intent expires in April.
 - iii) Importantly, there was no bidder on the carport last year.
 - iv) Committee will assist in ensuring that qualified contractors are encouraged to put in bids on the Solar Carports.
 - (1) This is a public bid sponsored by the CT Greenbank;
 - (2) The Energy committee must allow the Green Bank selection process to go forward unhindered.
- 6) New Business
 - a) Investigation of solar PV on the roof at the Bolton Center School 2021
 - i) The Town of Bolton is interested in proceeding with a roof mounted solar photovoltaic installation at BCS.
 - ii) In response to our inquiries we have learned that the building will be reroofed in fiscal year 2022 (ie, June 2022). We could then have a solar array installed as early as that summer.
 - iii) The Bolton Center School uses ~450,000 kWh per year. A solar array on BCS could provide up to 90 % of the schools current needs.

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- iv) The current utility sponsored renewable energy funding system (ZREC) is going away after 2021, and the 2021 auction dates is still TBD. Some new system, which is yet unknown, will take its place in 2022.
 - v) The CT Green Bank Solar MAP program remains the go to program for the financing and installation of the solar array.
 - vi) The Energy Committee will request the CT Green Bank Solar Map Program to send a professional engineer to evaluate the Center School Roof in the spring of 2022.
- b) Town Report
- i) The report was reviewed and accepted without change.
- c) Solar Car Chargers – 2022
- i) \$30,000 has been proposed in the 2022 capital budget for car chargers
 - ii) The committee and town should investigate location options and consider where best to place them to maximize their use and benefit. The chargers are likely to be “slow” chargers (220V) requiring many hours to charge a car.
- d) PACE (Peoples Action for Clean Energy) letter
- i) A recommendation was that the energy committee might be able to recruit additional members who are currently members of this organization.
 - ii) Richard will contact the PACE president to see if he will encourage any Bolton PACE members to contact him to potentially join the committee.
- 7) Adjournment
- a) RD motioned to end the meeting AM seconded motion passes 3:0:0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.