

## **MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

Chairman Kiley called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's office at 6 PM with Mr. Petraitis and Mr. Tripp also present. Joining the meeting was Board of Health chairman John Alphin, Planning Board chairman Bill King, and resident Jeff Smith.

The group joined a conference call with Chris Olson and Peter DeFazio of Symbiont Energy.

Mr. Alphin explained that the landfill will need to be in compliance with DEP before any solar project can be done. Jim McQuade, the DEP representative who usually works with North Brookfield has been out this summer with health issues. DEP says that it does not have the plans to repair the landfill that were submitted by the town's engineer, so Mr. Alphin needs to resubmit the plans.

Mr. Olson noted that any potential solar facility will not be penetrating the landfill cap, which is always a major concern for DEP. Mr. Alphin stated that he would like representatives from Symbiont to walk the site with members of the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen. Mr. DeFazio stated that he will be in the area the first week of December and will try to coordinate something at that time.

Mr. DeFazio said that lease payments to the Town could help offset the costs needed to bring the landfill into DEP compliance. Symbiont will indemnify the Town against any damage to the landfill, and Symbiont also carries landfill insurance or posts a surety bond to have money available at the end of the project lifespan to cover the costs of decommissioning and removing the solar arrays.

Mr. DeFazio explained that this will most likely be a two-year process, beginning with site control, an interconnectivity study with National Grid, the permitting process, and selling the power to an "off-loader" before construction can begin.

The landfill site is approximately 15 acres, with 10 acres available to support a 2 MW project. Mr. Olson stated that he will draft a desktop study and letter of interest to the Town in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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