

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING APRIL 19, 2016

Chairman Hevy called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM in the Town Offices with Mrs. Walter and Mr. Smith also present.

The Selectmen were joined by Michael Hedges of Power Management, Jackie Chambers of Melink, and Water Superintendent Rich Kennan. Jeremy Chapman of Melink and Sabin Rossi of Power Management joined the meeting via conference call.

Mr. Hedges thanked everyone for coming, and noted that this meeting is the formal kick off meeting for the solar project with Melink. Ms. Chambers noted that Melink is a solar developer from Cincinnati, Ohio that also does geothermal projects and wind turbines. She reviewed a powerpoint presentation that showed the history of Melink, and their proposal to the Town of North Brookfield to build four solar installations at various town-owned locations.

The solar panels to be located on the roof of the police station will provide electricity for the station, the other ground mounted arrays will produce electricity that will be sold to National Grid for credits, and the developer will sell the credits to off-takers.

The four projects will provide approximately \$7.9 million to the town over the course of 20 years, with \$3.7 million coming from site lease payments and \$2.5 million coming from tax payments to the Town.

Ms. Chambers noted that the deadline for projects to qualify for the state's SREC2 program is January 7, 2017. Projects that are in the ground on this date will qualify for SREC2, otherwise we will have to wait for the SREC3 program. The financial implications of SREC3 are unknown at this time.

The project timeline lists a substantial completion date of April 2017, and an expectation to be online with National Grid shortly thereafter.

Ms. Chambers said that she will e-mail contract proposals within the next week or so to be reviewed by legal counsel.

There being no further business, at 4:45 PM Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant

