

## **MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING AUGUST 29, 2017**

Chairman Hevy called the meeting to order at 6 PM in the Town Offices with Mr. Kiley and Mr. Petraitis also present.

Michael Hedges of Power Management was present, and noted that after the Selectmen decided to remove two parcels from the proposed solar projects and expand the scope of the school project, he and Jeremy Chapman of Melink had to go back and see how these changes would affect the finances of the project.

Mr. Chapman reviewed a presentation outlining the changes. (Attachment #1) He stated that they looked at adding roof-mount and canopy-mounted panels at the school in addition to the ground-mounted panels. There may be limitations on how many panels can be installed at this one location due to new state regulations, but that won't be known for some time.

The first RFP for the new SMART program, which is replacing the SREC program, will be issued by the state sometime in October, and the "base rate" to be paid should be known by December. The best case scenario is that there should be clarification from the DPU by the spring. Obviously there are a lot of unknowns. One of the new rules for the SMART program is that all of the off-takers be in place before building can begin, and that the final National Grid interconnection agreements have been approved.

According to Mr. Chapman, the economic value of these programs has declined by 69% since March of 2016. However, the cost to build the projects has declined by 43% during this same period.

It was agreed that Mr. Hedges and Mr. Chapman will attend a televised Selectmen's meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> to present this new information to the town's residents. Mr. Hedges and Mr. Chapman left the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Trevor Bruso and Phoebe Piermarini from the Board of Health joined the meeting to discuss options for dealing with the 1,4 Dioxane remediation at 75 East Brookfield Road. (Attachment #2) Mr. Bruso and Mr. Kiley have met with the family there several times, and have hammered out a tentative agreement that would have the town install a water service to the home, along with some type of filtration system to eliminate the taste of chlorine. The town will pay for the water usage as long as a member of the family lives there, and there is no commercial use of the water. The Water Commissioners have agreed to install the water service, and the Board of Health will have to carry a line item to cover the annual cost of the water, which is estimated to be around \$800 per year. Mr. Bruso said that he would like to explore the option of having under the sink filters instead of a whole house filtration system, because there should be a significant difference in the cost.

It was agreed that Mr. Bruso will draft a contract and send it to Mr. Kiley, who will review it and send it along to town counsel. Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to move forward with this proposal. So voted.

There being no further business, at 7:20 PM Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton  
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