

Deerfield Energy Committee

MINUTES May 24, 2022 5:00 pm

1. Minutes:-
 - a. Taker - Laurie Boosahda
 - b. Attendance: Greg Francheschi, Jay Stryker, MA Swedlund, Steve Eipper, Steve Svoboda, Laurie Boosahda
 - c. Review draft minutes - tabled till next meeting
2. Green Communities:
 - a. EV stations - some SREC \$ from solar projects in town will help defray costs
 - b. Shared heat/cool systems (of any sort) - will GC pay for feasibility study?
 - i. MA will check with Mark Rubinsky
3. North Main Street Park could be an ideal location for geothermal - MA will discuss with CCI group
4. Frontier Regional and GC application requirements: - no information yet
 - i. Bill Hildreth, Frontier Physical Plant
 - ii. Audit update - no info yet
 - b. Solar Canopies - Marianne Connor, Coop Power, guest
 - i. She explained recent Solar Parking Canopy project at River Valley Coop in Easthampton provides electricity to store and 100 low-income residents.
 - ii. River Valley included battery storage to make store a community hub/mini-grid.
 - iii. Coop Power will work with a solar developer to propose designs and financing options.
 - iv. Town gives them a letter of intent for them to begin. No money up front. After 7 - 8 years, town could buy project at 15% of the cost.
 1. CP can manage subscription for Community Solar.
 2. Greg and MA can get baseline electricity usage for schools.
 3. Constraint is financing cost. Wind and snow make the structure of canopies expensive.
 - v. Timing is key, because Frontier is planning to repave. Is a new roof planned at Frontier? (check with Scott Dredge)
 - c. Is DPW roof a possibility for solar? Laurie will research experience from UMass re: snow-plowing.
5. Next grant: ideas? - waiting for info from Frontier
6. Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing
 - a. Skip Sobieski, Assessor Chair, will talk over program with Rob Dolan of MassDevelopment
 - b. PACE does not finance municipal projects.
7. UMass Clean Energy Corps project in Deerfield
 - a. Lauren Mattison, Benjamin Weil
 - b. Zoom recording of their presentation - MA will send info.
 - c. They will present at next Connecting Community Initiative meeting on June 8. MA will send out link
8. Green Energy Planning: Setting goals, means to goals. - tabled
9. Municipal Vulnerability Project - Students installed rain garden at DES. Core group meets again on June 6
10. Updates:
 - a. Connecting Communities Initiative

- b. Landfill Solar: Nexamp community shared - still no word from EverSource on interconnection.
 - c. North Main St. Park Project
 - d. Aggregation
- 11. Action Items/New Business - none
 - a. Legislative updates
 - b. Outreach/Education
- 12. Items Unanticipated - none
- 13. Schedule Next Meeting -Thursday, June 23 4:30
- 14. Motion to adjourn at 6:22: Read moves, Steve E. seconds Unanimously approved.