

Deerfield Energy Committee Minutes 09/26/19

Attendance: David Gilbert-Keith, Steve Eipper, Jay Stryker, Steve Svoboda, Laurie Boosahda, MA Swedlund

1. Minutes:
 - a. Taker - Laurie
 - b. Review of August 29, 2019 Jay moves to accept (with typo correction), Steve E seconds - unanimously accepted
2. Landfill Solar Update - town is beginning negotiations with NexAmp. Questions need to be clarified about adders, i.e. does Deerfield need to be the sole user?
3. Charging Stations - Laurie presented information to School Committees on September 10 - 5:30 at Deerfield, 7:00 at Frontier. There was limited interest.

David, Kevin Scarborough, and Diana Schindler met with EverSource - rep said usage goes down when customers must pay for electricity. Said break-even fee is \$0.40/kwh (Learned on 9/28 that Arcadia Nature Sanctuary (Mass Audubon) charges \$0.26 per hour, commensurate with current electricity costs; a business sponsor pays the yearly software network fee)
Diana asked about feasibility of a charging station at the base of Mount Sugarloaf - rep said site would work. Laurie will connect with Diana about next steps.

4. New Member - Steve S moved that the Energy Committee send a recommendation letter to the SelectBoard to appoint Read Predmore to join the DEC. Laurie seconded, approved unanimously
 5. LED streetlights - Read learned of company that replaces bulbs. Deerfield now rents poles - current electrical cost is \$31,000 year; LED could save us 21,000. Town needs to own poles in order to change to LED - is town ownership possible? feasible? Read will continue to research
 6. Education/Outreach:
 - a. Climate Week: Sunderland Library - Aaron Falbel organized showing of "Paris to Pittsburgh"; David and Laurie attended; about 15 others in audience.
 - b. Climate Day at Frontier and/or DES??? Laurie mentioned to Environmental Club... Possible rotate students through stations: Solar panels; Insulation and air-sealing; Land Conservation? Vegan diet?
 7. Other Initiatives:

Window insert workshop - early November? Laurie and Steve S will research
 8. Next meeting - Tuesday, October 24 - 5 pm
- Jay moves to close, Steve S. seconds Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm