

Approved Meeting Notes for the Oct. 19, 2020
Temple Renewable Energy Task Force Remote Meeting

Chairman Rob Wills called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

In attendance were Deb Delseo, Bev Edwards and Rob Wills.

The focus of the agenda was a report from Task Force members who had conducted a site review on Sunday, September 27, of four sites in Temple that could possibly be viable for a potential installation of a ground mounted 25 KW solar array to cover the electricity needs of the towns' municipal buildings.

Rob Wills reported that Deb Delseo and Tom Whitcomb had accompanied him as he used his solar pathfinder to examine the amount of predictable sunlight each site would have throughout the year to power the necessary electricity. Deb expressed the additional priority of considering the degree of visibility each of the sites would have that might impact the visual acceptance of the community.

It was mentioned that Tom had agreed to contact George Clark, the FD Chief, to clarify the driveway access needed by the FD near the preferred potential solar site behind the Municipal Building. Next Rob pointed out that an Eversource representative would need to be invited to assess the technical logistics of that location for a 25 KW solar array from the company's perspective.

Following that, Deb indicated that the next step would be to invite the Select Board to view the site. Bev then brought up the need to get several cost estimates from professional solar installers. Rob said that it would typically be between \$25-\$50, 000. for that size ground mounted array and that the Task Force would need to be ready to apply for financial assistance as soon as the economy has recovered, opens up to increasing opportunities for grants and more low-interest loans.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bev Edwards