

Renewable Energy Task Force

Approved Minutes for Meeting held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Task Force members in attendance were Deb Deleso, Laura Lynch, Robert Wills, Bev Edwards and Vince Mamone.

We reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Minutes were approved with minor edits.

Bev provided an update from Dan Weeks of Revision on the proposal that he is developing for us. He needs official Eversource customer billing statements because there is some customer data on them specific to Temple that he needs for the proposal. Bev has already provided the billing statements to him. Dan made several comments about the status of NH renewable energy legislation. He thinks that the state may end up providing a grant and not have rebates. He said that a PV roof mounted installation for the Fire Dept building would be 17 to 20 KW range if the trees shading the building were removed. It was not clear how much would be needed to supply the Town Municipal Building and Fire Dept.

We discussed a process to move forward on finalizing proposals for Solar Electric for the town buildings. It was felt that we should have more than one bid. We discussed having three. Between all the board members we do know of three reputable local businesses that could take on this project. We talked about involvement of local residents in the work but did not come up with any workable ideas on how to do this. We are going to approach Paul to see if one of the select board members would be our primary contact to work with. We also discussed getting one document which will list the energy loads on each building. We need a formula that can translate fossil fuel heating use to a comparable electricity load.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to planning for the Temple Harvest Festival. Since the Harvest Festival has come and gone I will document here what we did and skip the planning discussion from the meeting. Actually we did more than we planned and every board member was able to come. Some had double duty but we had ample staff to handle the booth for the day. Hats off to Bev who pulled most of the material together and provided continuity for the day. She has a lot of experience with the Harvest Festival and provided a lot of the material and setup equipment that we used. We had a pop-up tent with a table with loads of relevant sustainable energy literature. We also had a laptop and a large screen with a rolling presentation. We had flowers as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Submitted by Vince Mamone