

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 1, 2016 4:30pm

Attending: Beck, Shubert, Sydney Roberts Rockefeller, Warren Smith; Observing: Dick Broom

Mr. Gordon Beck chaired the meeting as the Committee Chair was out of town.

Beck reported that progress continues regarding the potential solar array for the Public Works Garage. Beck and Tony Smith have had discussions with ReVision regarding the current PPA proposal, and a consultant, George Aronson of CRMC in Massachusetts, has been engaged to review the proposal. ReVision has prepared an alternate spreadsheet to show the cash flow over the life of the PPA in the event that the MPUC's proposed changes to net metering rules are in fact adopted; this is a "worst case" scenario. This will be incorporated into the PPA review along with George Aronson's recommendations.

Beck and Schubert reported on a recent meeting they, Tony Smith, and Phil Lichtenstein by phone held with Emera Maine to discuss progress on the LED Streetlight conversion issues, foremost among them being a proposed tariff for LED lights. Emera is still working on tariff and rates for LED streetlight work and expects to file a proposal with the MPUC in January. The NBV issue was also discussed; Emera is meeting with the MMA on December 16 and hopes for resolution of this issue shortly thereafter. Emera understands that the Town is growing impatient.

Beck reported on the Rapport energy-benchmarking project, which will get underway in January. Durlin Lunt has received the initial data forms, and will work with the Sustainability Committee on the project; this will initially involve 3 or 4 Town buildings – the final number will be known by the end of the year. This project is a priority of the League of Towns.

A presentation will be made in an upcoming Marine Management Committee meeting, to be determined, regarding the proposed installation of an EV charging station at one of the Marina's parking slots. Sources and pricing for the equipment are being researched. Additional sites under consideration by the Committee are on Main Street; more research is needed before making a recommendation to the BOS.

Beck reported on SolSmart, a DOE program to recognize municipalities for streamlining the various processes for solar installations. Beck will follow up with town personnel to determine whether this would be beneficial for the Ton.

The next meeting of the Sustainability Committee was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 22, at 4:30pm.