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TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 4, 2016

**Town Hall Meeting Room
21 Sea Street
Northeast Harbor**

I. Call to order 4:15pm.

Attending: Beck, Rockefeller, Shubert, Kiley, Lampher. Mr. Gordon Beck chaired the meeting and provided the reports as the Committee Chair was out to sea.

- II. Beck reported that the LD attempting to change the regulations around solar electricity generation was vetoed and the veto was sustained. Community solar farms therefore remain at a limit of 9 participants. Beck outlined the likelihood that the PUC will soon be reviewing the net metering conditions.
- III. Revision Energy, assisted by Beck visited town sites for appropriateness of installations. The new town garage is the first priority. The town bus garage is thought to be inadequate from an engineering load perspective as offered by Lampher.
- IV. The Somesville and Seal Harbor Fire Stations are possible sites with the Chief's tacit support. The wastewater facilities in general are not attractive venues, however the Grover Ave pump station and the upper parking lot in Seal Harbor may provide opportunities.
- V. The town garage is anticipated to provide an estimated 64,000 kWh annually of power from a solar installation on its east roof.
- VI. The committee discussed that there are competing vendors (other than ReVision) and that *A Climate to Thrive* is researching the potential vendors and advantages and disadvantages of each for a potential "Solarize MDI" initiative.

- VII. The committee also discussed concerns/suggestions from members about: Asking town employees to pick up large items of trash that decorate the town seemingly without attention. The thought was that town employees as part of their usual duties could safely stop to pick up large items of litter as demonstrated by a member showing a 10-15 foot semi clear plastic sleeve that had caught his/her attention over a period of days.
- VIII. The next meeting is scheduled for May 25th at 1630
- IX. Adjourn at 5:00pm