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STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday January 9, 2018

Meeting to be held at the Municipal Center @ 7:00 pm

Committee Members: (Attendees in **bold**)

- **Michael Ream**
- Matthew O'Keefe
- **Michael Gorman**
- **Charlie Case**
- **Michael Welty**
- **(Town Manager) Paul Deschaine**

Visitor

Jack Ruderman, ReVision Energy

7:10 PM Call to order

- 1.) Solar Update @ Stratham PD
 - a. Starting construction 15Jan17.
 - b. Dedication plaque work in progress, will pursue for approximate cost of \$500.
- 2.) Ground Mt Solar Project – Review proposals
 - a. Jack Ruderman providing general updates
 - b. On funding PPAs in light of new tax bill. Generally, no major changes. Need to update PPA rates in proposal to comply in accordance.
 - c. Does the project fit on the site as proposed? Difficulty will be selected location will require trees to be removed. Option also discussed to raise the panels to allow parking under. Latter would likely carry significant expense, potentially to the degree the return on investment would be unattractive.
 - d. How does net metering work? Group or meter by meter? JD: best to hook in with the existing 3-Phase meter at Town Hall (host facility) due to scope, group it then with net metering. Monthly cash credit to town to anything that is exported (given <100kW).
 - e. Net difference is insignificant to the town. Any future meters at Highway department could be included in the net metering.
 - f. Use of Town Land (Cushman house property)

- i. Per decision of the conservation commission - in consideration of the pending lease of the Cushman house to a 3rd party – this option will not be pursued in 2018. SEC will defer this matter until mid 2018.
 - g. Highway department property option – proceeding to budget committee for use as a skate park.
 - h. Roof of Highway department building. May be feasible, but first the lifecycle of the roof would have to be considered, as it is 75% matured into its lifecycle.
 - i. Non-load installations, options for discussion
 - i. Town transfer station: only if really large (1MW) in size to these make economic sense, where benefit of scale tips in its favor.
 - ii. Schools (SMS or CMS): historically, no interest there. For SMS, challenges exist with current roof, as many sections are sloped unfavorably.
 - j. Charlie Case did inform Barrington power the town will not proceed with their bid.
- 3.) Approved Meeting minutes from Dec 12, 2017
- 4.) Review 2018 Budget request – follow up on open actions from Dec 2017 meeting.
- a. No update on estimated expense of audit actions from pending energy audit at Gifford House and Ranger House.
 - b. Budget committee reviews upcoming, Mike Welty preparing.
- 5.) Year End reports
- a. Due to selectman on 18Jan. Draft report submitted to the committee. SEC members to send any comments to SEC Chair Mike Welty.
- 6.) New Business – n/a

Adjourn 8:06 PM

Next Meeting February 13 @ 7pm