

Bolton Energy Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021
Bolton Town Office

Members present: Henry Corse, Lexie Haselton, Juliette Juillerat (Chair), Jeremy Knepper, Peter Schoen

Members absent: None

Others: None

Clerk: Carol Devlin

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Juliette Juillerat.
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:
3. Public Comment: There were none.
4. Recurring Business: Approve October 15, 2020 minutes. Juliette Juillerat made the motion *“to approve the October 15, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.”* Henry Corse seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0).
5. Group Discussions
 - Options for Solar in Bolton
 - Jeremy looked into what a solar lease with Green Lantern Solar would look like.
 - 20-year lease with 10% cost savings capacity.
 - Immediate savings
 - No visibility
 - Consensus that 20-year commitment limited options & therefore not a good option.
 - Solar on town land
 - Jeremy explored options on town land. Only possible option is the Fisher property, but FEMA would need to approve development.
 - Town Garage was discussed as a possibility.
 - a. The south facing roof is good but what is the age & condition of the roof.
 - b. Need to get an estimate on the cost for solar panels on the roof and have an engineer check the building structure.
 - c. Potential for enough solar panels to provide power for all town buildings.
 - Lexi will continue to research Hinesburg’s gravel pit/solar project.
 - Peter will continue to research Huntington’s solar project.
 - Park and Ride (P&R) options and ideas
 - State funding for P&R is on hold but an option for when the funding resumes. Town owned land or private land with a 20-year lease; town would maintain the lot.
 - EC to identify possible locations, including near Long Trail lot.

- Talk to BVR re: cooperation.
 - Possibility of student projects scoping locations/project at UVM and/or Vermont Tech.
 - Act 250 may be required depending on where the lot would be located and the type of surface.
 - Need to research impervious surfaces.
 - Town website update
 - Send documents for an Energy page on the Bolton website to Carol.
 - Reducing Fossil Fuels – Town Office & Fire Department
 - Juliette will continue to explore whether a heat pump would work with the current furnace in the Town Office and what the cost & savings would be.
 - Town Energy Data and Town Plan – No discussion
 - Bolton Valley RT 2 Solar – Update as needed – No Updates.
 - Brainstorm on other potential projects
 - It was decided that the EC has enough projects for now.
6. Next Meeting:
- The next EC meeting will be Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:30.
 - Action for next meeting
 - Juliette will follow up on the park and ride and Energy Plan.
 - Henry will see if Vermont Tech is interested in doing a student project regarding a park and ride.
 - Peter will get more information on Huntington’s solar project.
 - Lexi will get more information on Hinesburg’s solar project.
 - Jeremy will get more information on the possibility of installing solar panels on the Town Garage.
7. Closing: Henry Corse made the motion “*to close the meeting.*” Lexi Haselton seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (5-0) at 7:48 p.m.

Attest: Carol Devlin, Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Energy Committee on March 11, 2021.