

GRANTHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE



MINUTES

Monday, May 14, 2018-5PM
Grantham Town Building
Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room
300 Route 10 South

The regular meeting of the Grantham Energy Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2018 by co-chair Chenevert.

Members Present: Jenna Chenevert, Peggy Martineau, Paula Bresnick, Susan Goodwin, Michael Salo, and Don Fitzpatrick

Visitors Present: Kevin Davis of Norwich Technologies
Sydney Leggett, Superintendent of SAU 75
Brian Sullivan, State Representative
Robert Meyer
Jay & Jen Buckey

Approval of April Minutes: Bresnick moved to approve the April minutes and Salo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Correspondence: none

Co-Chair Chenevert moved **New Business** up on the agenda to accommodate Kevin Davis' presentation to the Committee. He gave an update on the latest proposal from Norwich Technologies. It would be a 1 Megawatt array on land behind the Town Hall leased from Jay & Jen Buckey. It would be connected behind the meter at the Town Hall. This is enough power to run all the Town and School buildings and 150 private homes. There will be no cost to the Town or School District. There is no administrative or billing costs to the Town or School District. The Town, School and residents who contract in would need to sign a Power Purchase agreement at a set price for 25 years.

Kevin explained the process for permitting and Federal incentives, begin that process soon for a 2019 build date.

There will be approximately 5 acres of panels and 2 acres around the panels to prevent shadowing. It will be mostly hidden by trees along the Town Hall backyard. Kevin explained about financing the project and the pool of investors they have. He also informed the Committee about the educational side to the project. The Committee thanked him for the update. Sydney Leggett, Superintendent of SAU #75 spoke about the process they are going through with the RFP's. She reiterated that the School is very interested in using Solar in the future.

Old Business:

June Solar Show & Tell: Co-Chair Chenevert delegated tasks for the June project. Goodwin will help her make a flyer with a map of the solar sites based on responses they receive from homeowners this week. They would also put together signs as needed. Martineau will place ads in Eastman Highlights and on Chanel 10. Fitzpatrick will enter the information on the Town website. Salo will work on it as well.

Fall Project: The Committee discussed net zero building, zero energy window upgrades and a Button-Up Forum for this Fall.

EV Chargers: The Committee tabled this discussion for next month.

New Business: Kevin Davis of Norwich Technologies: see above.

The next scheduled meeting of the GEC is on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at Grantham Town Hall.

Adjournment: Martineau made a move to adjourn. Bresnick seconded it at 5:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.