Town of Thompson
Solar Advisory Committee Special Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2014

Attendees: Kathleen Herbert   **Advisors:**
                 Alvan Hill
                 Kerstin Forrester
                 Dick Trudeau

Citizen: Paul Baer

1. The Meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM

2. Acceptance of Minutes from Prior Meetings: M/S/A - Kerstin/Dick/Unanimous with the amendment to add Paul Lenky as ex-officio attendee.

3. Committee Comments: The Committee reviewed the evaluation criteria as presented Schedule F of the RFP. We discussed that we couldn't add criteria to this schedule but we can delete. We attempted to review the candidates but it was difficult because some of the committee had just receive the evaluation form. We decided to meet again shortly to review the candidates. We decided to move forward and set ourselves a deadline by the end of August / First of September which gives us two (2) months of analysis to look at our options and decide whether this is the right place to go. It was the consensus of the Committee that if we were to go out with our RFP for the fourth time we most likely would get no responses. The roof issues need to be addressed. The school gets reimbursed for 70% + of the cost of their roof if they replace it themselves. The library will need a new roof before we can put solar panels on it.

4. Alvan Hill discussed following up on two other avenues. One being talking to Shawn Johnson to see what we can do to get three-phase power at the old landfill and two personally go to visit the people in RI who own the land across from the TWPCA. These approaches would be for the development of solar fields. Different from the approach our RFP took. The RFP was for generation of power used by the Town. A solar field would generate power to sell back to the grid in excess of the needs of the Town.

5. Kerstin Forrester mentioned that there was an excellent article in one of the news magazines either Time or Newsweek on Solar power for Municipalities and homeowner. She urged the Committee to read it.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 PM

The next Special meeting will be Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 4:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Herbert
July 2, 2014