

Town of Thompson
Solar Advisory Committee Special Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2014

Attendees: Kathleen Herbert
Alvan Hill
Dick Trudeau

Advisors: Bill Birch

Absent: Kerstin Forrester

Citizen:

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 insert the following because the "score sheet the Committee discussed on June 4, 2014 had not been completed.
3. Committee Comments: Bill Birch brought up the subject of the School roof. He has requested of Dr. Jolin that he petition the Board of Selectmen to form a Building Committee. One of its charges would be to address the replacement of the roof and at the same time put solar panels in place. If we do it this way the Town will be reimbursed for the roof costs at about 73% by the State. The Town could then bond the project and own it outright. Anticipating that this would take about two (2) years to complete it would also coincide with the renewal date of our contract with TransCanada and we could then negotiate to exclude the appropriate buildings or not renew as appropriate.
4. Dick Trudeau made a motion to reject all the bids and develop an RFP with just the remaining four (4) buildings. These buildings would include 1.) The library, 2. The Town Garage, 3. The TWPCA and 4. The TEEG building. These four (4) buildings would qualify for a small ZREC and thus change our RFP. The next small Zrec auction takes place in December which gives bidders plenty of time to develop bids. The one thing we need to advise the Board of Selectmen of is the condition of the Library Roof. If we were to replace the roof ourselves this would eliminate the need to finance through the PPA and attract more bidders as some bidders were unwilling to undertake financing a roof along with the solar array. Alvan in his presentation to the BOS on Tuesday June 15, 2014 will advise the Board of this and request they go out for budgetary bids on the Library roof so that it can be added to the 2015/2016 Capital Budget. This would allow construction on the solar project to begin next summer. M/S/A - Dick Trudeau/Alvan Hill / Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 2:40 PM

The next Special meeting will be Friday, August 15, 2014 at 2:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Room, Thompson Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Herbert
July 14, 2014