*Minutes from the*

*Special Meeting of 01 May 2014*

*7:00 PM Merrill Seney Room*

Members present: Alvan R. Hill, Kerstin Forrester and Bill Birch

Members absent: Kathleen Herbert

Also present: Alex Fox and David H. Kagan of C-TECSOLAR

 Frank Karas of Creative Energy Solutions

Agenda summery – To meet with representatives from C-TECSOLAR and Creative Energy Solutions to discuss ideas for solar projects for Thompson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Copies of the Solar Advisory Committees RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Installation of Solar (PV) Systems to be located on five (5) Municipal (Thompson) Buildings were handed out that was prepared in 2013.

Mr. Alex Fox discussed what is involved with a PPA (Purchase Power Agreement); the upcoming ZREC auction the fifth of June noting that credit amounts have decreased from the auctions of 2012-2013 by 38%. There are three tiers of credits based upon the amount of proposed wattage use, i.e. small 0-100 KW, medium 100-200 KW and high 250 to higher wattage. Presently the State of Connecticut has about eight million dollars allocated to the upcoming auction which will be divided or allocated to each tier.

Bill Birch asked about ‘net metering’ and ‘virtual net metering’ from both representatives present and how it would relate to Thompson and proposed sites. With virtual net metering the State has not finalized the regulations and may not have a direct impact upon the present proposals.

Kerstin wanted a clear understanding between several choices, i.e. the purchase power agreement between the supplier of the equipment and the Town and the idea of a direct purchase of equipment known as a Tax Equity Purchase. Would a maintenance contract be with any proposals and the answer by all representatives was ‘yes’.

Kerstin asked that Alvan Hill meet with Mary Ann (Town Planner) on Friday (2nd May) to discuss the proposal (RFP) and have it ready for the upcoming Board of Selectman Meeting on Tuesday May 6th.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Alvan R. Hill, Chairman Solar Advisory Committee.