

# Town Of Winchester Energy Commission

Regular Meeting

Probate Room

7:00pm

03/18/2014

Call to Order- 7:09pm

Loretta Tremblay- Chairperson, secretary

John Wiardia- Vice Chairperson

Tim Wheeler

Mike Renzullo

Patrick Barrett

Randal Wimmer- UN-official member

Item 1- None

Item 2- None

Item 3- Agenda review- Add to new business, Brian Shaugnessy ball field lighting

Item 4- **J. Wardia motion** to approve minutes from February's meeting. T. Wheeler second, **motion carried unanimously.**

Item 5- Old Business-

Winsted Bike Map- P. Barrett brought in a prototype of the map (available on request), discussions ensued- would like it a bit larger and possible to work with EDC on having it distributed in welcome baskets. More discussion on getting sponsorship from businesses. Work in progress.

"Solarize CT" update- None- Loretta to email town manager on this, but according to C-Tecsolar representative Josh- we are not on that list as a participating town. C-Techsolar may be willing to sponsor this type program here and have done it for other towns in the past. They would be the only approved installer, they would provide marketing, etc. Commission will consider.

Draft policy- Expansion of membership- BOE lighting- no update was available, was not discussed at the BOS meeting on 3/17/2014.

Facebook page- 91 likes total = 1 new. Issue has been resolved and the page is active again!

Energy Procurement- Work in progress, Loretta has not been successful to date, but will keep at it.

Item 6- New Business-

Presentation from C-Tecsolar- Alex Fox. Presentation information is available upon request. Proposal was based on 4 sites- Town Hall and the 3 schools. The project would be owned by CEFIA (Clean Energy Investment Authority) and maintained and fully operated by C-Tecsolar for the term of the agreement. ZREC is the incentive that makes it feasible for solar project facility owners to offer institutional customers below market electric rates for the energy produced by their facilities, also known as PPA (power purchase agreement).

Price and Terms- C-Techsolar propose entering into a PPA with the Town as follows: CEFIA and C-Techsolar would design, build and finance aprx.541kw in solar projects for the Town at the 4 sites (Town hall and the schools) for a term of 20 years. Rates beginning at aprx .0854 and ending at aprx. .2082 with an annual savings with solar starting at aprx. \$42,490.34- \$132,464.07 (depending on the site and the rate). C-TECSOLAR will also be responsible for data monitoring and maintenance SolrenView would provide the web based monitoring and features inverter direct monitoring, revenue grade monitoring, agency reporting and a weather station. Would also be available to the schools and

they could utilize it in their curriculum! We were asked to sign an exclusive agreement, we explained that was not possible that any and all project ideas would have to be put out as an RFP and a presentation to the Board of Selectman would have to be done as well. We as a commission will take this proposal under advisement. Asked for more information on RFP example and their version of a Solarize program.

Discussion on ball field lighting and the cost savings of Bio diesel- J. Wardia to provide information to Brain Shaugnessy.

Item 7- J. Wiardia **motions** to adjourn, M. Renzullo seconds, motion **carries unanimously**. 9:14pm