

Colrain Energy Committee

January 31, 2019

Minutes

Present: Jonathan Lagreze, Lynn DiTullio, Therese Fitzsimmons, Elizabeth Erickson

No minutes available to review.

Green Community Grant application for Town Garage insulation: preliminary approval by Jim Barry. Need BOS signature prior to submitting application.

*Elizabeth will follow through with this.

Total GC grant is #130,000.

Town Garage insulation estimate was 32,000, and the Weston and Sampson architectural/project oversight bid was 14,250.

Total project estimate would be 46,250.

Some discussion of finding other bids for both architectural design and construction was held.

*Lynn D will discuss with *Peter whether they could provide the architectural services with their professional skills.

Examples of contractors: Dole Brother, Mowry and Schmidt

Town Solar site assessment: Numerous discussions with BOS, school principal, highway dept have been held to discuss possible solar sites for Town Solar. Next step is to get "Budget Estimates" from solar contractors who would understand better the pros and cons of each proposed site.

*LD will put together a description of the sites in town we are considering to have a uniform request for a Budget Proposal from each company for each of 5 sites in town.

-3 at CCS

-1 at town garage

-1 or (2?) at transfer station

Peter reported to committee via email that Scott Sullivan at Hwy Garage, that he was more interested in solar panels above the capped landfill, not a new structure over bulky waste bin.

JK reports that the Transfer station has collected funds from recycling to be used for transfer station related projects such as trash collection, recycling, using recycled paper at town office,etc.

We need to research the claim that solar panels in some way interfere with the work of firefighting. *Therese said she'd do this.

The process going forward for development of Town Solar would be:

#1 Get first pass budget estimates from Northeast Solar, PVSquared, Solar Store, and

#2 Delineate the final scope of work based on our assessment of first pass budget estimates.

#3 Send out our plan to contractors for bids

#4 Develop a contract with solar contractor

No new business to address.

Next meeting Feb 21, 2019 6pm at town garage.

Submitted by E. Erickson