

Colrain Energy Committee, 4/18/19, Meeting Notes, 6:00 PM

Present: Elizabeth Erickson, Lynn DiTulio, Peter Brooks, Jon Lagreze, Bing Waldsmith

1. The meeting notes of March 21, 2019 were read and accepted. Tonights notes were taken by Peter.
2. **Community Choice Aggregation;** Colonial Power Group has scheduled another meeting next month to further define the bidding procedure, the likely power costs, and the cost of greener options. They announced that each Town will be able to make their own choices of power options. At the next meeting they will give us an idea of the costs for different power options. The bad news is that the DPU has quite a few new staff members who are quite cautious and slow in their processing. They don't expect to receive permission to bid until next January.
3. **Green Communities;** There will be a presentation of the audit results at U Mass Design Center on May 5th at 11 AM. They will schedule the Colrain Audit to be first so that we can be back in Colrain for the DOER presentation.
DOER will make a presentation of a BIG check to Colrain for politicians and the press at the Town Offices, also on May 5 but at 2 PM. They will also present to the Towns of Heath and Charlemont at the same time.
4. **Town Garage Insulation;** This will be delayed because Kevin feels that it would be better to bid this in the late fall, to begin construction on the next Spring. This will allow us to use the Green Communities first grant for a Town solar installation. We will set up a meeting with Kevin and Jack to discuss the design and bidding in June. We will work with FRCOG to prepare the bid documents for bidding in next December.
Peter will research the specs for the Dryvit and STO cladding systems.
5. **Town Solar;** Lynn reported that Northeast Solar had put in the most work and provided the lowest cost estimate for both the Garage roof and the transfer station shed roof. She had asked PV Squared and valley Solar to also look into the site options. PV2 did visit the sites but thought the transfer station was not worth going forward. We thought that we should proceed to have FRCOG prepare an RFP for bids on installing solar on both sites. We should meet with the Procurement Officer Andrea in early May. Alyssa is looking for grant funding that could fund her work to help us use Green Communities money to fund MassSave work for home owners.

To Do List;

Upload minutes to Town ,	Elizabeth
Send Chart of solar estimates,	Lynn
Call Alyssa about funding,	Elizabeth
Get photos taken at Audit,	Lynn

Adjourn at 7:50

Next Meeting; May 16, 6 PM at Highway Garage

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