

Pelham Energy Committee Minutes

September 10, 2019 – 7:30

Library- History room

Present: John Larsen, Tony Rogers Stan Swiercz, Alisa Pearson, Sahar Daoudi Nejm,

Notetaker: Sahar Daoudi Nejm

Convene 7:41 pm

Member search

Tony & Alisa to reach out to some leads.

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New Business

- a. Mass Clean Energy extended a letter of interest for funding rural communities' renewable projects. Potentially for the first half of 2020.
- b. Slack: During a Select board Meeting – it has been decided to try using slack as a communication tool to inform committee chairs of ongoing work. Any follow up on the communication should be separate and not proceeded in Slack. It is an opportunity for chairs to interact on common business. No discussion should take place there and it does not replace minutes of meetings. Just hot topics. Starting 10/02/2019. John and Tony are part of the Slack group.
- c. Green Communities Year-end report due early December 2019
 - o Report energy use for FY19
 - o Feed database
 - o June (Pelham treasurer/ collector) can pull the payments for the year (Fuel for all building/ transportation, starch code, electricity is automatically reported)
 - o John to lead

Green Communities Grant award & Next Steps

- a. Pelham has been granted 170K – out of the requested 250K
- b. The contract sets a term through September 2020 – It can be extended
- c. How much money approximately is still needed to complete the project?
512K (Total Project cost) – 170K (Grant) – 75K(Spring Town meeting) = 267K?
- d. What are the options to fund the balance?
 - ➔ Cannot get more funds for this project from Green Communities
 - ➔ Another grant channel would be MVP – 2nd round is end of September
 - ➔ Funds can be requested in Fall Town meeting (mid-October)
 - ➔ Bonds - Alisa to research the bonds process/ Potential 13K of energy savings per year can help pay back the bond over 20 years.

d. The other option is to delay the replacement of the generator or separate the purchase and installation of the generator from the rest of the project. The generator itself is about 84K – The Electrical work to prepare for a generator ready system will still need to happen as part of the Project scope (estimated to 56K) – the balance for this option would be around 183K (267K– 84K).

- e. Option to introduce 2 Warrant articles during Fall meeting
- 183K (127K for VRF + 56K for generator ready system pre-work)
 - 84K (New generator)

Sept 19th, 2019 – Joined meeting with the Finance committee to introduce the bonds and/or the warrant article options.

Select Board meeting is on October 23rd – EC may need to meet before that.

Adjourned: 9:48pm

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