

Energy Committee
May 18th, 2020
Meeting Minutes
Video Conference

Members Present:

Paul Bemis, Chair; Jeff Chartier, Bristol Waste Water Treatment Facility Manager; and Tricia Mills.

Absent:

Doug Williams and Greg Wagner

Call to Order:

Mr. Bemis called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

New Business:

Mr. Bemis stated that he has contacted four individual organizations and only one has replied with interest in working together for the Solar Array Project. He has emailed the three other organizations and still no response. Mr. Chartier stated that the Board prefers multiple consulting options, but where contact attempts were made with no response, they should approve the one consultant and move forward. Barrington Power has agreed to become the third-party consultant. They have offered to work with a straight lease without long-term commitment. They are also currently analyzing record data from Bristol's Waste Water Treatment Facility and will discuss results when finished.

Old Business:

Mr. Chartier discussed the updates on the Energy Audit at the facility. Steve Bolles will determine space needs for the Air Source heat pump prior to getting a quote for the actual pump. A statement of work is in the process from Mr. Bemis to pass around for quotes. Mr. Chartier will meet with Dead River for a quote on the hot water heater (propane). Mr. Bemis communicated the importance of the Community Power Program Partnership which allows groups to negotiate for renewable energy opportunities such as battery back up storage for homes. There are sign up options for demand response info to lower rates by turning down heat or unplugging unused household items. Mr. Chartier and Mr. Bemis will reach out to Eversource's contact to discuss incentives related to the audit for using Air Source heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and other products.

Member Comments

Mrs. Mills asked Mr. Chartier which one of the facility's units would be receiving the heating pump. Mr. Chartier stated the office, with the possibility of the control room and lab, however, it would need to be explosion proof. Mrs. Mills inquired if heat pump water heaters were investigated as a more viable product as they draw heat from environment. Mr. Chartier replied no but said he would be open to other options. Mr. Chartier will know more details next week after one of the meetings.

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 15th, 2020- Location TBD

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 by Mr. Chartier, seconded by Mrs. Mill. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Wharton