

Board of Selectmen
Minutes February 08, 2016

Convened at 8:45 am

Present: Ken Christiansen, Chair
Andrew Artimovich
Robert Mantegari

Jack Ruderman and James Hasselback, Revision Energy and George Horrocks, Harmony Energy were present to discuss proposals for a solar array at the fire station. Ruderman presented two options: one for a combination roof and ground mount and other for an entirely ground mount solution. Both proposals include the electrical service upgrade. Hasselback said it would take 3-4 weeks for installation. Ruderman confirmed the solution was turnkey and the price presented included all costs associated with the installation.

Horrocks presented an updated proposal to show energy loss potential for roof mounted panels and a full ground mount solution. He stressed the importance of remaining below 100AC in order to retain full retail on the excess energy produced.

Artimovich said he was not for solar but if the town was going to move forward with it, this would be the year as the bond for Prescott Road will not have any impact this year.

Mantegari said he prefers the full ground mount solution as it is less maintenance and the safety concern of the snow offload would be removed.

Artimovich made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to put the solar array on the warrant article and give the town the option to discuss the direction and payment options:

- 1) If article 1 passes 2, 3, and 4 will be rescinded. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$387,585 to install a ground mount solar array at the Brentwood Fire Station to offset the town's annual electrical usage. (Majority vote required)
- 2) If article 2 passes 1, 3, and 4 will be rescinded. To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund in accordance with RSA 35:1 to acquire a solar array to offset the town's annual electrical usage. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 towards this purpose and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required)
- 3) If article 3 passes 1, 2, and 4 will be rescinded. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to enter into a 20 year power purchase agreement (PPA) to reduce energy costs.
- 4) If article 4 passes 1, 2, and 3 will be rescinded. Continue to research but take no financial action in 2016 for solar.

All were in favor. Clement said she will need to call DRA to see how this can be placed on the warrant and also to see if the PPA qualifies as long term borrowing even though there is not an appropriation. If it does, it will require a 2/3 vote and a public hearing. There is not enough time to notice the hearing at this point.

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Clement asked if the board would like a representative from either or both companies present at town meeting. Artimovich made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari for Revision Energy to attend town meeting. All were in favor.

Artimovich made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Clement