

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting April 20, 2021

Members present: Scott Young, Chairman, Brian Monahan and Lynn Sweet

In attendance: Bill Vance, John Branagan, David Copeland

Appointments:

6:00 Bill Vance and John Branagan (Revision Energy)

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

Payroll was reviewed and approved. Minutes from the April 6th Selectmen's Meeting were read and approved. An Excavation Warrant and a Current Use application were signed. Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed.

Appointments

5:46 – Bill Vance and John Branagan (Revision Energy)

Mr. Branagan was in attendance to speak with Board members about several general aspects of solar energy, and particularly, how a municipality can fund and benefit from solar. He first addressed the funding of a large solar project that might power all Town buildings. Of course, no tax incentives are available to a town as a town is tax exempt; but an investing partner may be enlisted to provide funding. The investment partner would build, maintain, and hold the system for 5 years, receiving investment tax credits in return. At the end of the 5 years it would be sold at its depreciated value. Some towns have opted to purchase it themselves from the outset.

Mr. Branagan explained that the most efficient and cost effective way to power multiple buildings is for the solar array to be located at a single location. Some possible Town owned locations were discussed, with the Recycling Center emerging as the most likely location. Revision Energy is familiar with working with NHDES for this type of location. Several other aspects of a possible solar project were discussed, including panels that track the path of the sun vs. fixed panels, the life expectancy of a solar system, and the expected future of solar energy. Mr. Branagan explained how Revision Energy works with investors and municipalities and encouraged the Selectmen to compare "apples to apples" when/if getting bids for this kind of project. The Selectmen's Office will provide Mr. Branagan with record of electric usage for a year for all Town buildings so that he can prepare a load profile. Mr. Branagan will investigate the possibility of using the Recycling Center location. Mr. Vance, who initiated this discussion, will be included in future solar discussion.

Old Business

Building Inspector David Copeland discussed the issuance of a building permit in a situation that has been in litigation. After discussion about what has transpired and what needs to be done before a permit may be issued, the Selectmen instructed Mr. Copeland to direct the applicant to them for the issuance of the permit. They will continue to work with the Town attorney to bring this situation to resolution.

New Business

General office operations were discussed in light of the lifting of the Governor's Mask Mandate. Many of those who will visit the Town Office will continue to wear masks. People should be free to move forward as they feel comfortable.

The Selectmen reviewed and denied a request to forgive interest due a property tax bill.

On May 18th at 6:00, there will be a meeting with the Selectmen, members of the Planning Board, and members of the Zoning Board. The Building Inspector, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Road Agent will be invited to attend.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brian Monahan to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (e)(I). Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet - Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 6:51PM.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet to leave non-public session and seconded by Brian Monahan to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet - Aye

Public session reconvened at 7:16PM.

No votes were taken or decisions were made during the non-public session.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brian Monahan to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet - Aye

Summer beach operations were discussed. New beach staff is needed as none of last year's guards are returning. Advertisements for the guard positions have been posted.

There being no further business to address, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26PM.