

SPRINGFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

05/16/2014

Those attending incl. J. Pugh, G. McNaughton, D. Yesman, H. Whitcomb and J. Ball

Meeting began at 6:35 w a presentation by Dan Ingold of Powersmith and Ralph Meima of Green Lantern Capitol re. the Green Lantern solar project, a 2 MW solar farm to be built on the same 20 acres where the biomass plant was to be built. The farm is to be divided into 4 500 KW sections and the power will be used to assist Springfield Hospital, schools and town. Dan explained the incentives for each of these entities and said that if permitting is completed re. Act. 248 that the farm could come on line as soon as next January. Dan and Ralph expect a bumpy road but were both enthusiastic re. the project.

George McNaughton had contacted Bob Flint re. possible grants and John Pugh will stay in touch w Efficiency VT re. the same.

The value of a facebook page was discussed and it was decided to create one when the committee needed feedback re. a project etc.

The walk through assessments were discussed w John mentioning that only 3 of 6 building descriptions were returned, namely the fire dept. the police dept and the library. Dave suggested that the description would probably have gotten more attention if it were only one page. John said the info. was important for grant appl. etc. It was decided to not pass out the forms again and to focus on the town hall as a target project. Dave Yesman said he had done some research on the building and that it would cost approx. \$10,000 to insulate the attic and that the money could probably be found in this year's budget. He also said that the bat dung had been removed. A brief discussion re. bat dung ensued. Hallie suggested that we should consider not only heat conservation but also water and electric as well. It was decided that Dave would contact H.B. Energy to get some numbers re. costs of insulating and a new boiler and resulting energy savings re. the town hall for our next meeting.

Dave Yesman reported that he had talked w Brian Herson at H.B. Energy re. a 1.5 MW solar farm at the town aquafer sight. The site has ample acreage and exposure and he will invite Brian to our next meeting on June 19th. Meeting was closed at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Jim Ball (secretary in training)