



**Town of Plaistow
Renewable Energy Committee
145 Main Street, Plaistow, NH 03865**

RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approved June 22, 2016

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Selectman, Julian Kiszka; Tim Moore, Planning Board; Geoffrey Adams, Planning Board; Greg Jones, Town Planner; Gerald Marchand

EXCUSED: Cab Vinton, Sean Fitzgerald, Jake Kennedy, David Gerns

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 PM

A motion was made by T. Moore to approve the meeting minutes of April 20, 2016. G. Adams seconded the motion which carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0-0.

Plaistow Master Plan – Energy Chapter Outline Introduction & Review

G. Jones presented an outline of a new Energy chapter for the Master Plan. All members of the Renewable Energy Committee (REC) agreed the outline as presented covered the topics that should be in the Energy chapter. The outline may change as the chapter progresses, but G. Jones was instructed to move forward with the drafting of the Energy chapter based on the outline submitted.

G. Adams inquired about Action Item #2 in the **4/20/16** R.E.C. meeting minutes; namely, is the R.E.C. going to proceed with a set of recommendations for energy efficient products, systems, and construction techniques for the Safety Complex expansion to be presented to the Board of Selectmen and/or the Expansion Project Building Committee? Consensus was that the R.E.C. should proceed with such a set of recommendations. G. Jones informed the Committee that he will draft a letter of recommendation for review by the Committee at its next meeting.

G. Jones stated that he had spoken with Sean about the same matter and will work to set up a meeting with the Building Committee and/or project contractor.

Other Business

J. Kiszka brought up the legislative language contained in House Bill 1116. HB1116 passed both the House and Senate and raised the net metering cap from 25 MW to 50 MW with another 25 MW available for small residential projects. Based on its passage the R.E.C. suggested that G. Jones move forward with writing a Request for Proposal document for the installation of a large solar array on the landfill. G. Jones also informed the Committee that he will contact the Town's engineering consultant who maintains the environmental permitting for this landfill with NHDES.

G. Adams, J. Kiszka, and G. Jones all attended the Solar 101 workshop sponsored by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. All felt the workshop was worthwhile.

J. Kiska is continuing to investigate the Fire Departments' awareness, or lack thereof, of the proper safety precautions needed when responding to a fire of an array. The basic concern is that there is no standard On/Off switch on the arrays and therefore the Fire Departments may have to deal with live voltage.

G. Jones reported that Plaistow may be 1 of 6 towns that would get "first crack" at a tool that would help with solar installations and energy efficiencies. G. Jones has reached out to the Nashua Regional Planning Commission to seek one of these 6 spots but has yet to hear back on his inquiry.

G. Jones reported that Unitil has filed a tariff for LED streetlights with the Public Utilities Commission and that the results of the filing are unknown. G. Jones will continue to pursue the results with Unitil and hopes to set up a meeting with Unitil and the R.E.C. in the near future.

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ADJOURNMENT: J. Kiszka adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Moore
Planning Board – Chairman
Renewable Energy Committee member