

MADISON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON MEETING ROOM
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JUNE 13, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT - Noreen Downs, Co-Chair, Russ Lanoie, Bob King (Selectman representative), Adam Leiser, Sloane Jerrell (arrived mid meeting),

MEMBERS ABSENT OR EXCUSED- Russ Dowd, Ken Eckhart

OTHERS PRESENT – Tim Hughes, videographer;

WHERE AND WHEN POSTED – Town Hall upper and lower level bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices June 4, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – By co-chairman Noreen Downs at 7:05pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion made by Mr. Leiser to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. King. Motion passed 4-0

APPROVAL OF APRIL 26, 2018 MINUTES - Motion by Mr. King to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Lanoie with one name spelling correction.. Motion passed 4-0. June minutes are held until next meeting since insufficient members are in attendance from that meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – Mr. Leiser has taken oath the office. Ms. Jerrell has taken the oath of office.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public present

OLD BUSINESS –

Weatherization Upgrade for Town Hall ; Ms. Downs reports that Linda Shackford, Town Administrator, will bring the quoted and budget approved project up to the Board of Selectmen on June 19th. No further updates.

Town Buildings Lighting Upgrade – Ms. Downs reported that EMC has not provided a quote for the upgrade to the library and town hall lower level rooms. Ms. Downs will follow-up with Mr. Carl Edin.

Solar PV project for town and school buildings –

- Ms. Downs reported on the site visit with John Dunster, the newly assigned representative from ReVision Energy, taking on the project from Mr. Nick Sampson. The minutes of June 1st reflect the observations and comments from that site visit. Mr. Dunster provided a Google Earth depiction of the sawdust pile area in an email, and stated that the site was probably only an acre, and might not satisfy the size of solar array ReVision has suggested. Mr. Dunster did outline another area on the town property where 2 acres could be located for a south facing ground mount solar array.
- Ms. Downs also reported that she, Mr. Dowd, and Mr. Lanoie met with Ted Vansant on Friday June 8, 2018 to obtain another perspective on the locating and design for a solar PV array with enough area to satisfy the town buildings and the elementary school. Mr.

Vasant is president of the board for the NH Sustainable Energy Association, and represents New England Commercial Solar Services. Mr. Vasant walked the back property and observed that there were several options for placement of a solar array. He agreed to provide some more detail on options. That write-up has not been received as of the meeting time.

- Mr. Leiser brought up several questions relating to the sizing of the proposed array. His questions were “why would we not have several arrays to provide electricity to the school and the town buildings?”. Mr. Leiser also suggested we request a sample quote so we could have further understanding of what might be proposed by solar designers and installers.
- Ms. Downs reported that Mr. Dowd and she had developed a draft Request for Qualification (RFQ).
- Discussion centered around next steps with respect to obtaining more information about the design, sizing and cost for project.

MOTION

“Complete draft of RFQ, submit to the Board of Selectman for review, comment and approval. Send the approved RFQ to ReVision Energy, New England Commercial Solar Services, and other companies identified as regional solar designers and installers.” Mr. Lanoie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Leiser. No further discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

- Mr. Leiser reviewed the RFQ and made some suggested revisions regarding the request for cost estimates and length of time for payback. Further, it was agreed the response to the RFQ will be requested in 30 days and town administrator Linda Shackford will be asked to advertise it in the Conway Daily Sun and the Union Leader.
- Ms. Downs will submit the RFQ to Linda Shackford for addition to Board of Selectman review prior to Tuesday June 19, 2018, and she will plan to attend the BOS meeting on that date.
- Given the date for RFQ responses, the committee set the date of Thursday July 26, 2018, 7pm, as the next meeting date.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. King gave a brief outline of the committee he will lead to investigate transportation and other needs of the elderly in Madison. This in response to the changes with Blue Loon bus service to “request only” from a regular route service.

NEXT MEAC MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 26, 2018 7pm at Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT -

Mr. Lanoie made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm; seconded by Mr. Leiser. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Noreen Downs, Co-Chair

Approved at the August 1, 2018 committee meeting