Town of Webster
Office of the Select Board
945 Battle St
Webster, NH 03303
Solar Project Subcommittee
November 24, 2020
Unapproved Minutes

Meeting conducted via Zoom do to Covid-19.

Present: Dave Hemenway, Sue Rauth, Martin Bender, Craig Fournier, Dan Nudd, Dan Moran and Dana Hadley

Committee Overview

The meeting was facilitated by Dave Hemenway and was opened at 7:05 p.m.

He reviewed the directive from the Selectboard.

The Solar Project that was proposed last year. It was to be located at the Hopkinton-Webster transfer station. It was found that the interconnection to the power grid was inadequate for the system that had been planned.

The project expanded in scope with the interconnection to the high-tension lines on the Boscawen/Webster town line. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) needs to be negotiated as well as the update to the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement.

Tasks for the committee are:

Determine what to include in the MOU, with each chair bringing the items of interest to their next meetings.

Review and confirm that the proposed updated PILOT agreement is as expected by the town.

The approvals for the project are handled by the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) and there will be public hearings on the subject.

Confirmation of Members

Committee members will be:

Sue Roman (was not able to attend this meeting and was represented by Conservation Commission Chair, Dan Moran. Sue Rauth, Chairman of the Planning Board Martin Bender, Chairman of the Town's Energy Committee Craig Fournier, Member of the Planning Board Dan Nudd, works in the energy industry Dave Hemenway, Member of the Selectboard

Motion: Sue Rauth to appoint Dave Hemenway as chair of the subcommittee, seconded by Martin Bender.

Vote was in the affirmative

Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing on December 8th at 7 p.m, hosted by the Select Board. This will be a virtual meeting and the access information is posted on the website. This hearing will include a presentation from Hopkinton Solar, LLC. and will allow members of the Public to ask questions.

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Legal Representation

The committee spoke of the importance to secure legal representation to assist the subcommittee through the process. Members will work to choose a qualified attorney.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for December 22nd at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Dana Hadley Town Administrator