

The Renewable Energy Task Force

Approved Minutes for the November 23 Meeting

Attendees: Tom Whitcomb, Bev Edwards, Deb Delseo and Rob Wills.

Absent: Laura Lynch

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Meeting notes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

1. Solar array

Rob reported that the design process is still underway for the potential 25 KW solar array that the Task Force intends to recommend to the Select Board and eventually our citizens for powering 100% of the required electricity for all of Temple's municipal buildings.

Tom reported on a conversation he had with George Clark, Fire Chief, regarding the possible placement of a solar array behind the Municipal Building/FD. They also met at the site to assess whether there would be sufficient space behind the buildings for all feasible maneuvers of the fire engines and operations of the FD without any interference from the construction and placement of a solar array in that area. Although Tom did not have exact measurements for the potential array or its possible siting, he expressed concerns about whether its placement behind the FD would be viable.

Bev spoke about the critical importance of not interfering in any conceivable way with the FD, even if the exact measurements determine the site's viability behind the buildings. Rob and Deb agreed. Tom suggested that another meeting be set up with George Clark and several members of our Task Force, after more precise estimates are obtained for the array's parameter and its required space. A consensus formed supporting that suggestion. Bev suggested that we evaluate some other potential sites as well. Rob, Deb, and Tom agreed. Rob recommended that we meet at 1 PM either 12/6 or 12/21 at the FD and go from there to evaluate other sites. Everyone agreed.

3. Rob opened a discussion about the recent CENH Webinar on net-metering. He, Tom and Bev all stated that they had joined the webinar, and each had new questions as a result. Tom volunteered to do a deep examination of how we could best use net-metering for our goals. Bev agreed to contact CENH for her answers. Rob will examine several new locations.

After deciding to next meet on 12/14, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Edwards