

Green Energy Committee  
Nov 16, 2010

Mark Beaton, chair, Pine duBois (meeting minutes), Mike O'Meara, (at BOS- called to order 7PM), Gene Wyatt (7:15), GEC quorum noted and called to order at 7:40

Discussing contract for Net Metering between Mary O'Donnell (MOD) and Kingston for installing 6MW (three wind turbines) using town as pass through for selling energy to NSTAR.

Lisa Mead (LM) and Mark Beaton trying to get advantage to the town that legitimizes the contract. Cannot be a 100% pass through, as there has to be some benefit to the town.

Joe Casna—what is potential risk or pitfall for the town

LM—if the town is getting cash from NSTAR then little risk unless no consideration  
MOD to town—if no consideration—then there is risk. 100% should not flow back from town to MOD—if that happens then risk—if no consideration—then the contract is not valid and risk is that it could be broken and the town liable for issues.

Dennis Randall: reasonable to expect remuneration from the (public-private) partnership—town makes net metering possible, which makes the project possible. Recognize that renewable energy is in its infancy, which needs a track record—and it is possible to have a small beginning that would increase over time as the project becomes more sound.

Mark Beaton: Motion (gist—see selectmen's minutes) to move into a PPA with MOD and that town would expect a 1% return on the energy fees and (only if) Kingston gets cash from NSTAR—and if there is no ability to interconnect with NSTAR—then Kingston is held harmless. (Plus Kingston gets RE taxes)—seconded. Passed

Lisa Mead: Home Rule petition requested by MOD: Pass draft legislation: In Kingston, NSTAR would have to pay (Net Metering) interconnection costs which would be passed on to the ratepayers after a certain amount.

Because the tariffs have already been set—and this is not part of it there is a concern whether this is a good idea. However if this is challenged by NSTAR—then the court costs could be a significant burden to the town and could hamper the MOD project.

Lisa Mead: NSTAR would likely challenge this at general court. If MOD indemnified the Town, then maybe this could go forward...

Mark Beaton—hesitates to poke the giant in the eye because we need several interconnections. Rather work with NSTAR than against them at this time due to several important needs.

MOD: Northeast Utilities partnership should lend itself to more green energy projects—FCC filings. Asks town to go ahead and would indemnify the town with her lawyer connections.

Mark Beaton—can hold this until later for town meeting in April—do not have to start this way at this time. This can also be a petitioned article by MOD for ATM

Enterprise Fund of Green Energy Committee – put off under old business for a future meeting to have a significant conversation. Important that the finance committee also have an opportunity to discuss. Discuss at the December 7<sup>th</sup> selectmen’s meeting—should be a dynamic discussion. Seek public engagement—set aside some time. Enterprise Fund is established—so gets opinion from Lisa Mead as to what is allowable under the current guidance. Renewable Energy Fund is how it is set up (Mark Beaton).

No this is not like the state—but certain revenues of the town used by the town for town renewable energy projects

BOS Adjourned 8:25PM

Mark proposes next meeting of GEC Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM to discuss enterprise fund, accept minutes, and community farm

Jared from Borrega quickie update on readiness to get Source One working on Interconnection application with NSTAR—which will take 25 days—then know how extensive an issue this will be.

Move to adjourn Pine, second Mike, all in favor 8:35PM