

GEC Minutes
October 15, 2009

Attending: Jim Moran, Mike O'Meara, Gene Wyatt, Mark Beaton, Pine duBois

Mark Robinson, New Day Energy (NDE), guest

Mike O'Meara, vice-chair leading the meeting

7:15PM call to Order

Discussion of Robinson's "Windspire"

Mark Beaton—Robinson had contacted him re: gift of Windspire: a proposal to demonstrate this product:

- Ask Selectmen to accept a gift at cost (\$5000 for 2 years) if we keep—then compensate the original cost after Micro-wind award
- Also competitive grant program: Nov. deadline for installing 5 Windspires --
 - Average installed is \$6500, 2nd is less (rebates and incentives)
 - MTC micro wind award...\$2312 per unit; \$2/kw produced after first year = \$4,000
 - State of MA =\$1000, tax credit
 - Fed income tax credit \$1200 (30%)
 - \$2580 is true cost for 20 years (for residential)

Mark Beaton: Motion to ask the BOS to consider the gift from NDE, Mark Robinson, President; and apply for the stimulus EECBG for funding for five turbines at \$62, 500+(for contingency funds) to install at certain town owned properties. For reference the NDE proposals of October 9th and October 14th—

Second: by Mike O'Meara.

Discussion: Gene: re the grant money—should factor in additional pole extenders, for the courtyard of the school—may need 3 poles at the school to elevate.

Final grant request to be determined by site specific estimates by Robinson

Mark to ask Jill to work on final issues and questions re grant application

Bring up to Selectmen on October 27th for GEC to speak to it and Mark Robinson to speak to application and idea.

Gene- discussion of recycling at Elementary school which is very interested in recycling (Go Green Initiative) so the school is a natural for green education and this proposal.

Voted Unanimously.

Agenda:

- Continued tabled item to re-organize :
 - Mark Beaton initiates re discussion and nominates Jim Moran as new chairman, Gene, second—4 yea, Jim abstained.
 - Moved by Pine retain Mike O’Meara as v-p, Second by Gene, 4 yea, Mike abstain
 - Motion by Mike to acknowledge and vote to appreciate Brian’s work as chairman and hope that he continues his great efforts with GEC, 2nd by Mark, all in favor=Unanimous
- Energy audit: Webinar, October 20th at 10am request Jill Myers and Tom Bott and anyone else to participate
- Minutes:
 - Motion to accept minutes of Sept 24: Moved by MB, second Mike-unanimous
 - Pine read minutes of Sept 10, 2009
 - Moved by MB and second by Mike: 4-0-1, Jim abstained as he was not there.
- Discussion on observation tower turbine, and sub-division of tasks.
- 8:45pm Motion to adjourn by MB second by JM : voted unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Pine duBois