

## **Town of West Newbury Energy and Sustainability Committee**

Wednesday, September 27 2023, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Second floor meeting room, 1910 Building, 381 Main Street.

Present: Elisa Grammer, Stephen Doran, Rick Parker, Chip Wallace, Liz Callahan

### **Solar Feasibility Study**

The most feasible projects to start appear to be:

- Location 1) Roof top of salt shed 33kW (modelled)
- Location 2) DPW Ground Mount 24kW (modelled)
- Looking likely to be <=60kW system. PPA vs direct ownership.
  - Action: Research municipal financing for Solar
  - Action: Research baseline cost for CAPEX (direct ownership)

### **Municipal Aggregation**

- DPU proposing changes that undermine the benefits of the Mun Agg
  - Permission process currently on hold. Plan has not yet been filed to DPU.
  - Should the town provide a recommendation to the Dept. of Public Utilities based on Colonial model?
    - Elisa recommends → To be sent by Angus if he agrees, or else the committee.
  - Action: Angus or Committee to email to state reps (Tar and Ramos) asking them to submit comments to DPU. Along the lines of the template which will be provided.

### **Committee Questionnaire**

- Reviewed and added responses. Recommended to include green vehicle. Will discuss further at next meeting.

### **AOB**

- Meeting schedule agenda. Currently 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday for Resiliency Committee.
  - Proposal: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month.
- Virtual meetings: Proposed Zoom or Teams
  - Action: Chip to look into using existing town Cloud services (i.e. Sharepoint (Teams), Zoom, etc)
- Action: Chip to resend Report to whole committee.
- **Next Meeting - October 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 1730.**