

West Newbury Energy and Sustainability Committee, Minutes

December 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM, held at the 1910 Building, 381 Main Street.

Attendees: Chip Wallace (chair), Elisa Grammer, Rick Parker, and Liz Callahan

1. Solar feasibility study update. RFPs are due on 12/22. One contractor is not interested; awaiting response from the second.
2. Municipal aggregation – Chip talked to Mark Capadona at Colonial Power. He sent a draft contract. Elisa mentioned that DOER has a list of draft questions. MVPC set up a regional request for proposals. Colonial Power had responded to the MVPC request. Elisa suggested we get a copy of that response as well as a list of questions that DOER has provided to assist in evaluating the contract. Elisa will contact MVPC to request the Colonial Power response to the RFP; Chip will contact Mark Cappadona to ask him questions from the draft DOER guide.

Good Energy is not taking new business currently pending change in administration/regulatory uncertainty. Good Energy suggested we check back in the new year.

3. Solar by-law discussion on 12/19 at 3pm, in the Planning Board office. Rick and Chip are planning to attend. (The Select Board has asked that the Planning Board take another look at the by-law this year.)
4. Annual report -- Rick is going to get Elisa the Green Communities report to MassDOER for content that may be useful (e.g., energy savings) in the Sustainability Committee's annual report.
5. Website -- Elisa will revise the website to include information about municipal aggregation.