

**Sudbury, MA, Energy and Sustainability Green Ribbon Committee
Meeting Minutes August 23, 2012**

OPENING:

The August 23rd, 2012 meeting of Sudbury's *Energy and Sustainability Green Ribbon Committee* was opened by Bill Braun at 7:35pm in the DPW Building conference room.

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members	Attending
Rami Alwan	
William Braun – Chairman, Energy and Sustainability Green Ribbon Committee	X
Jennifer Dudgeon	
Edward Lewis	
Joe Martino	X
Michael Melnick, Co-Chairman - Sudbury PBC	X
Robert Morrison	X
Kurt Reiss	X
Mark Sevier	X
Building Inspector, Town of Sudbury	
James Kelly	X
Guests	

AGENDA:

1. Landfill Solar Update
2. Atkinson HRV Update
3. ESCO Project Selection
4. Solarize MA and Astrum Update
5. Membership
6. Approval of meeting minutes
7. Other business

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1. Landfill Solar Update

Ameresco is still working on the PPA pricing schedule. They intend to provide it tomorrow, August 24th.

In a new development, the future value of SRECs is now in question. A recently published Bloomberg report projects an eventual SREC oversupply that will negatively impact their price. As a result, the financial group providing backing for Ameresco projects may have concerns. Bill continues gather more information on this.

Bill provided pre-emptive direction to Ameresco that Sudbury's pricing must compare favorably to what is already out in the various other communities doing similar projects. Bill noted that the Town may have to share more risk, but would also benefit from the upside.

Bill reported that he was made aware of a previously unknown constraint on the Sudbury Grant funding: a September 15 deadline for expenditure of all funds.

Following a July 18th meeting with Cadmus, who is providing technical assistance to this Committee, feedback was provided to Ameresco on the draft PPA (without pricing). The latter is now working with these inputs.

Bill attended a preliminary site plan review with representatives from Ameresco and the Town. This was essentially a pre-application meeting and it went well.

ACTIONS:

- Bill to send the draft PPA, SRECs price tracking, Bloomberg Report, and any other relevant background information to the Committee members for their review and preparation for further discussion.
- Bob and Mark to review Ameresco landfill solar array layout.
- Jim to look into the purported September 15 deadline for use of the \$10,000 Grant money.

2. Atkinson HRV Update

A contract was signed and delivered to Hall Sheet Metal of Middleton MA. As part of this contract, new replacement boilers will be installed in October. However, the ERV system will not be installed before Spring 2013 due to long hardware lead time.

Rebates have been received from NSTAR and National Grid.

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3. ESCO Project Selection

Bob led a spirited discussion on the Preliminary Audit worksheet that was generated by Ameresco and provided to the Committee for review and selection of building energy conservation measures (ECMs) of interest. These would then be pursued in an Investment Grade Audit (IGA). It was acknowledged that it was difficult to choose specific measures intelligently, but that buildings to be considered could be more easily selected.

After much discussion, it was generally felt that an IGA should have inherent value and usefulness as a reference document for the future direction of this Committee. The cost of such IGA by Ameresco is fixed at \$25,000. It was also felt that Jim's assessment of IGA specific content would be a valuable input to the Committee's decision process, and Bob agreed to provide an example document for this purpose.

A decision on whether to proceed with an IGA was postponed to permit further thought on the matter and to allow time for Jim's assessment.

ACTION:

- Bob to provide Jim an example of an Investment Grade Audit document for Jim to better understand and assess its contents and potential value.
- Bill to schedule a special meeting in the near term to conclude discussion and vote on proceeding with an Investment Grade Audit with Ameresco.

4. Solarize MA and Astrum Update

This agenda item not taken up due to lack of time.

5. Membership

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6. Approval of meeting minutes:

Minutes from the July 17th meeting were unanimously approved.

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7. Other business:

Bill reported that he and Jim updated the Selectman on Energy Committee status. Bill announced that Jim was the new Facilities Director.

Scheduled Energy Committee Meetings: (DPW Building Conference room - 7:30 p.m.)

- September 18th, 2012
- October 16th, 2012
- November 20th, 2012
- December 18th, 2012

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Joe Martino, 30 August 2012