

Medfield Energy Committee Renewable Pillar Meeting Minutes

Notes 1/30/23

Attendees: Fred Davis; Penni Conner; Paul Fechtelkotter; Megan Sullivan; Emily Lowney; Chris Gordon;

- Chris reported on the school outreach plan. They have articles that will be published, and then pushing forward with outreach on Memorial school site. Working on presentation to present to the principal and plan to work with her to get information pushed out to parents. A first article that provides a high-level overview of the opportunities at the schools is planned to go into the hometown weekly in February.
- Fred asked why Memorial first. Chris noted that due to the HS and Middle School sharing the same site, creates complications with the DOER and SMART applications. So starting with Memorial.
- Emily noted that going farther out, have plans for in-person plan for school properties, as well as abutters.
- Megan noted that Letter Of Intent signed. Emily has a flier ready with FAQs. Emily noted that she had reached out to Medway and Westwood, and got insight into what worked and didn't work
- Considering running a survey, to see if there is community support. Group felt that running survey is good also, to get town feedback on canopies.
- Hilli updated on outreach on support of the warrant. She shared that latest conversation with Kristine, learned that the warrant only applies to the schools, as the town approved warrant last year delegated PPA approval to BOS. Hilli suggested adding information on the school outreach about the upcoming warrant article.
- The warrant article has a placeholder, and the town is working to finalize. This warrant gives the school committee right to sign a lease on their property, (ie solar on the roof, canopy, parking lots). The language will mirror from last year, which gave the Select Board the authority.
- There was discussion on the progress on building out the financial model for purchase option. The team discussed that the preference is to wait until the workshop with the capital committee and the BOS to develop a better understanding of the priorities for next 5 years.
- Group discussed request to Select Board at upcoming meeting on 2/7/23. Recommendation from renewable pillar is to request 50-60k for engineering and feasibility studies for solar. Additionally, another request similar amount for engineering study on boiler replacement so that we can apply for grants.
- Hilli noted that suggested workshop with capital planning and Select Board and MEC is likely in early March.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Penni Conner