

Minutes from Solar Project Committee meeting 6/23/22
submitted by Elsa Voelcker 6/29/22

Attendance : Presiding: Rick Russman, Ellie Alessio, Elsa Voelcker, Dan Doyle, Allison Miller,
Howard Mckew and Glenn Coppelman

Dustin Hewitt: member of the public

Reason for the meeting was to hear presentations from
Geoff Sparrow from Green Lantern – Waterbury, VT
Rachel Eades and James Hasselback from Revision, Kingston, NH

Both said pretty much the same thing about:

Where does your supply chain come from? Asia: Cambodia Tia Wan, India ,Turkey

If we pick you how long would it take to get our project going? 18 months- 2 years to be shovel
ready then 6 months actual construction

Landfill pros and cons

More expensive to construct on and could be a problem getting permitted

Good to use of the land. Appox.8 acres need 4.5 acres for array for 1.2 mgwatts

If the school replace all their lighting to LED in the next year it might lower our draw by 1/3rd.
How would this impact our project? Both wanted to look at other possible sites besides the
landfill, if the project were smaller, roof of school and land owned by the town.

Sparrow even said Green Lantern might look for land to buy to build on.

They are a smaller company only 20 employees and therefore more nimble

Use local contractors and 4 employees to oversee the project

Said 99% of municipal projects are done Purchase Power Agreements

Tax advantage, 0 dollar outlay including development that could cost the company up to
\$100,000.

Elie asked why wouldn't it work out?

Utility connection

Title issues

Wetlands

Zoning

Buy in from Abutters

Rick asked why wouldn't the town go for it?

Town commitment for 20 years fixed rate for 20 years with chance along the way to buy out.

3rd party owner more motivated and knowledgeable to monitor and maintain the array with bi
annual visits to mow. There would be an O&M system to monitor the inverters from the Web.

Dustin asked about bringing in the fire department if they have battery storage. Battery storage not in the plan but roads in would be built so a truck could get in in the case of an inverter fire.

James presented Revision company as an employee owned company with 70 employees in the area 6 right in Kingston and 350 employee over NH, ME and MA
Done has done more than 12 landfill arrays and many more rooftop and ground arrays
They are part of a large co-op for buying cells and inverters, so they get the best prices there.

After both presentations It was moved by Glenn to put forward to the select board and school board to appoint Revision for the next step an RFP, Elsa seconded it.

A discussion ensued over which company had the better expertise 2 felt Green Lantern had more experience. They did 10 over landfills and 10 over gravel pit and 4 brown fields.

6 others felt that given the two companies were both well accredited and experienced that going local made the most sense. They liked their employee owned and have their own electricians

Rick called for the vote and Glenn's motion was carried 6-2

Next steps were discussed, and Ellie said she would take our vote to the Select board next Monday and they would probably discuss it at their July 11th meeting.

It was brought out that the school board has adjourned for the summer. It was suggested that Matt call and emergency meeting and bring it to the school board with and see if a member from Newton would begin to meet with us regularly.

Rick will reach out to each company with the decision we have made.

Minutes of 6/8/22 Glenn moved to accept the minutes and the motion passes

Next meeting Thursday July 28th 7PM at perhaps the new fire station meeting room
Meeting adjourned 9:50 PM

