

October 12, 2015 Nelson Town Buildings Committee

Attendees

Dave U

Dave B

Russ

Lisa

absent

- Bert
- Sandy

Action Items

Dave U

- Ask Edie to send the RFQ Form to Dave B
- Have selectboard review Dave B's draft solar RFQ and send out for bid
 - ReVision Energy, Dave U will provide the address
 - Green Energy Options in Keene
 - South Pack Solar
- Follow up on PUC application process for rebate

Dave B

- Fill out the RFQ Form for the Library solar project and return to Dave U
- Talk to Hancock and Peterborough to get insight into how they worded their solar warrant articles
- Write a bulleted list of the savings and benefits from the solar project, nothing fancy, but something for us to review at our November 9th meeting.

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:08 PM

Minutes of September 28, 2015

Dave U moves approval of the minutes, Russ seconds, all in favor

Archives Project

Plumb-Bob has been approved for the work

Discussion of the air conditioner occurred after our last meeting

- Bert reviewed the metrics from the last year, and determined that an air conditioner is not needed in the Archives room. So this has been removed from the scope of work.

Solar

Dave U says that a scope is needed so that an RFQ can go out.

Dave B has met with Greg at South Pack.

- Continued a conversation, discussing the option of going out to bid after Town Meeting, after a solar project has been approved.
 - Thus, we could go to Town Meeting with Greg's number, and then if the project is approved, then go out to bid.
 - When we did the Town Hall project, we obtained bids first, with a guarantee that the bids would hold until after Town Meeting.
 - The PUC's money for solar projects is disappearing, Greg thinks we should submit for this now. There is no obligation to proceed, but it would give us a better shot at this money.
 - The paperwork that the Town already did is to get approval from Eversource, not the PUC
- Greg prefers N-Phase micro-inverters, which includes a monitoring system, that would be included in the price he has already quoted.
- Dave B hasn't talked to other vendors yet
- \$30,000 for the system
 - Greg has shown that the Library roof is even better than their "standard" calculation for ideal NH solar setting.
 - anticipate PUC refund of \$6392 gets us to about \$23,500
 - But would have to put in the application to the PUC NOW
 - If we wait until Town Meeting, this PUC money may be gone.
 - A private benefactor could "own" it and they would get the 30% tax credit, but it is difficult to imagine how this would be set up.

Would the Town need to budget for maintenance in the future?

- The warranty is for 25 years, for the panels and the micro-inverters.
 - The warranty is for the equipment, with labor for the first five years.
- When the roof needs to be replaced, have to take the panels off and replace them.
- What about snow?
 - there is a special roof rake for solar panels

Bids

- Should the Town develop our RFQ from Greg's proposal?
 - No, each of the bidders must start from scratch, from our specification
 - Anyone submitting a proposal has to get up on the Library roof.
- Tell them it's the roof of the library, micro-inverters, 250W modules.
- Edie can send the bids out.

Dave U wants to talk to Hancock and Peterborough to get insight into how they worded their warrant articles.

Next Meeting

Monday November 9 6 PM Town Offices

- Discuss strategy for information sharing
 - public meeting?
 - door to door?
 - Grapevine article?
 - Handout?

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM, all in favor