

**Nelson Town Buildings Committee  
April 11, 2016**

**Attendees**

- Dave U
- Dave B
- Russ
- Sandy
- Lisa

**Guests**

- Earl Creasey

**Action Items**

**Lisa**

- Draft a TBC Description of Duties for review

**Sandy**

- Check with Anita Flanagan about interest in TBC service

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM**

## **Minutes**

**We have to be done by 7 PM when Planning Board comes in.**

**Minutes of 3/21/16, motion to approve as sent — Sandy moves and Dave U seconds, all in favor**

**TBC Membership**

- We are expecting Earl Creasey to sit in tonight
- Sandy checked with Rob G and he is not available
- Sandy asked Betsey Church about newer residents
  - She asked if there is a description of our duties
    - We should have a description of TBC duties
      - Lisa will do a first draft of a description
  - Carol suggested Anita Flanagan from Munsonville

- Sandy will check with her

## **Solar PV**

- Gary Robinson will be the Town liaison to the project.
  - Dave B has spoken to Gary R, and they will work together
  - Dave B has been working with the state
    - As of today, there is still the 50MegaWatt cap (this may change tomorrow in the legislature).
      - The cap is for interconnecting to the electrical grid, of course anyone could do a stand-alone solar project at any time.
    - We put in our application a year ago, when there was space under the cap
    - Ever source says now there are APPLICATIONS for over 50MWatt, even though 50MWatt has not been reached in terms of real projects
    - The original application lasted for one year
    - We have re-applied and been accepted
    - And now we are waiting for the state legislature to vote to raise the cap.
      - Dave B attend the state senate hearing, with a full meeting room, 98% in favor of raising the cap
      - But there is still discussion about whether it should be wholesale or retail value of the net-metering. They referred it back to the PUC with a deadline of 10 months from now.
    - It's on the desk of the Governor now, to raise to 100MWatt
      - This is still only 1% of the electrical usage in the state
      - In other states, the utilities are investing in solar
- There don't seem to be plans for the Library roof, Kris has looked for them
  - Is it a skinned roof or a rafter roof?
    - Tom Weller says rafter, but can't find the paperwork
    - Greg can take a look to be sure
- What do we need?
  - When Eversource says application is approved
  - and then PUC accepts application #1

- Then Town makes the down payment and signs contract with Southpack Solar
- At that point, Southpack Solar can begin work, currently on schedule for beginning of June.
  - Should only be a few days worth of work

### **Fire Code Compliance**

- Selectboard has capped the department budgets to meet the budget passed at Town Meeting
- Fire Chief has been directed to make the list of priorities, in the next 30 days
  - The State Fire Marshall indicates that this is the right way to go.
- Jerry Tepe is available, but we agree that he should not be engaged until it's clear from the priorities list that he is needed
- A violation report has now been received for the Granite Lake Fire Station, Selectboard will review this soon.

### **Earl Creasey joins the meeting**

- Discussion of the role of the TBC
  - Note that it does not include the School at all, although the building is owned by the Town
    - Similar to the way the Library building is owned by the Town, but the Library trustees manage the Library
- Earl agrees to join the Nelson Town Buildings Committee

### **Shed**

- There is a total of \$4,000 to spend for absolutely everything
- Keene High will design and build it, the Selectboard is still working on the details
  - Expect to have volunteers working on painting it, etc.

### **Next Meeting**

**Monday May 9th 6:00 PM Town Offices**