

NELSON TOWN BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

August 1, 2022

Attendees

- Lisa Sieverts
- Dave Upton
- Patsy Beffa-Negrini
- Dave Birchenough
- Kim Rich
- Absent
 - Earl Creasey

Action Items

- Lisa
 - Continue to revise the draft RFPs based on feedback
 - In Progress
 - Meet with BOS on Wednesday
 - DONE
 - Research when the Town Hall roof was last replaced
 - Edie doesn't know
 - Fix last week's minutes
 - The library array size
 - That rule of thumb 60 cents per BTU/hour
 - Check in with Earl
- Dave B
 - Research whether it matters that solar panels are located separate from the consumption, financially, and if so, how much does it matter, what exactly is the financial implication
- Dave U
 - Do the rough calculation of Turtle Hill costs, looking at Revision Energy and old Greg Blake spreadsheets
 - Do a first pass at wind as an option, costs, pros and cons, cost of doing a wind study

MINUTES

- Chair Lisa Sieverts calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
- Approve the Minutes of July 18, 2022 as sent by email on July 19, 2022, motion by Dave U to accept, as corrected, second

by Dave B, all in favor

- Recap of BOS meeting
 - Unlike in the past, the current BOS do not want the TBC to make a specific recommendation about which project to pursue.
 - They want to be presented with the options that we considered, with pros and cons and our recommendation. They will then decide which option to pursue.
 - For our 2023 Solar Recommendation:
 - Compare Town Hall Roof to Turtle Hill for same size array
 - Cost
 - Roof
 - \$60,000
 - Turtle
 - \$60,000? + 30,000? for panels to grid + ???
 - Payback
 - Taking into account financial impact of using power “after” the meter at Turtle Hill
 - Pros and Cons
 - Keep the panels flat to minimize visibility
 - Wind as an alternative
 - Check with Star wind
 - Costs
 - Maintenance
 - Payback
 - Pros and Cons
 - Osgood
 - Distance to 3-phase power on rt123 in Stoddard, about 3 miles
 - Other locations?
 - BOS recommends public meeting regarding TBC projects, in addition to Caucus
 - Patsy will check and see if we could double up with Community Power
 - Think about an article for the Black Fly about the solar production over the last 6 years and two arrays
 - Motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM by Dave B, second by Patsy, all in favor

Next Meeting

- Monday August 15 6 PM Library Lower Level