Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES)

Purpose

The December 9, 2020 CEES meeting will be a strategic planning exercise to set goals and priorities for the Committee.

Agenda

		Start
Item	Agenda	Time
1	Call to Order	7:00 pm
2	Approval of November 9, 2020 Minutes	7:05 pm
3	Strategic Planning Exercise	7:05 pm
4	Adjourn	9:00 pm

Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 7:00pm to 9:00pm GoToMeeting Video Stream

Materials

11.9.20 Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Toby Ahrens, Chair David Ertz Kurt Adams David Craig Mike Sears Chuck Parker Scott Sherriff Peter Fromuth Margaret Downing Bill Dunn

Staff

Scott LaFlamme, Economic Development Director

Nat Tupper, *Town Manager*

Strategic Priorities & Outcomes / Next Steps (Previously Identified)



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Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2020 7:00pm to 9:00pm GoToMeeting Video Stream

Board Members Present

Toby Ahrens Chuck Parker Scott Sherriff Peter Fromuth Mike Sears David Ertz Kurt Adams

Staff

Scott LaFlamme, *Economic Development Director* Nat Tupper, *Town Manager*

Approval of September 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair, Toby Ahrens brought the November 9, 2020 meeting to order at 7:04pm. David Ertz moved to approve the September 9th meeting minutes, as written. Chuck Parker seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Election of Committee Chair

With Heather Abbot's recent election to the Yarmouth Town Council, CEES needed a new Committee Chair. D. Ertz nominated T. Ahrens, with Mike Sears seconding the motion. The motion carried.

Peter Fromuth nominated D. Ertz to act as Vice-Chair. D. Ertz declined the nomination. C. Parker then nominated P. Fromuth to act as Vice Chair. P. Fromuth accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by M. Sears. The motion carried.

Project Updates

PPA: D. Ertz provided an overview of the PPA kickoff meeting earlier in the day. Soltage will be the investor and manager of two new solar sites in conjunction with ReVision. Due to unforeseen transmission studies through CMP, ReVision and Soltage became concerned with the Sidney site (timing and other unforeseen regulatory requirements) and transferred the Town's agreement to two different sites which will come online sooner. 80% load in Naples and 20% load in Acton. With the new site, the anticipated completion dates are in August and September 2021.

Community Solar Farm: D. Ertz and K. Adams provided an update on their collective efforts. Working with ReVision, who has been working pro bono, D. Ertz was preparing presentation materials to share during the upcoming Town Council meeting on November 12. ReVision continues to evaluate site configuration to determine how much, if any, Town-owned property would need to be annexed to make this development possible. The Town Council will need to determine how big of a project the town would like to explore to make the project viable. In a situation where the Town worked with ReVision, the Town may need to own the



land work K. Adams continued working with executives at CMP and their counsel to determine next steps and potential liabilities. ReVision is still working.

K. Adams reported that discussions with CMP is ongoing and encouraging. The two major liability issues that were outlined during the PPA discussions has been resolved. Legal fees will be necessary to get a revised contract finalized. Brownfield liability still exists for both the user and landowner. One idea would be to structure a term sheet on a royalty basis. Ongoing discussions with the Town Council will be necessary.

LED: Nat and Scott gave the group an update on the IGA and safety audit. The process is proceeding as planned.

Strategic Planning

As the Town's municipal solar project comes to an end, the Committee felt it was important to strategically plan potential next steps and set goals for the community. The Committee agreed to dedicate the December meeting to strategize. The Committee then brainstormed several projects to be considered in December.

Adjournment

T. Ahrens motioned to adjourn at 8:33pm. The motion was seconded by D. Ertz. The motion carried.

