

# ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center

December 6, 2012

## MINUTES

**Present:** Bill Cratty, Chairman; Gary Pedone; David Dunn; Mark Anderson, Fred Zalcman, Keith Watson, and Randi Oisher, Bill Dwinells, Town of Bethel Public Works and Selectman Richard Straiton.

**Absent:** Hank Karl and Bill Hillman

**Chairman Bill Cratty called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Input: None**

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Keith Watson to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2012 as presented. Fred Zalcman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Performance Contracting**

The Committee has received five RFQ's for Energy Management Services Programs - Amaresco, Framingham, MA; Noresco, Shelton, CT; Honeywell, Rocky Hill, CT; Siemens Industry, New Haven, CT; and Johnson Controls, Windsor, CT. One Source also sent a letter requesting they be considered for the owner's rep position.

This request has not been advertised as of the present time. Mr. Cratty will be working with Mr. Dwinells to adopt an RFQ for an owner's rep to be submitted at a later date. It has been recommended is needed for the expertise that this company will provide to the Town and will also be able to work with our Public Works Department. There is a lot of work that still needs to be done - identify buildings to be included, look at long term and short term savings, etc.

Mr. Cratty refrained from making any decisions or recommendations regarding the RFQ for the Energy Management Services as he has some business and personal interest with some of the proposals. Committee members, along with a criteria sheet from Mr. Dwinells, with review and rank each of the proposals. Their input will be submitted at the next meeting of the Committee on January 3, 2013, and then the formal recommendation will be made to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Committee members reviewing the proposals are as follows:

Keith Watson - Noresco  
Fred Zalcman - Amaresco  
Randi Oisher - Honeywell  
Hank Karl - Siemens Industry  
Johnson Controls - David Dunn

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### **Discussion of Fuel Cell Project**

There was discussion on the micro grid and proposals that have been received from the DEP - State of Connecticut. Mr. Dwinells presented information from an Informational Session entitled Energy Service Performance Contracting for Municipalities- Lead by Example that he attended on December 5, 2012. Information included what the State can do for the Town of Bethel.

### **Solar Project Status**

It was reported that there is a rupture in the cap. Nothing more can be done until this is repaired. Mr. Cratty is waiting to hear more from the Selectman's Office.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **C-PACE Financing**

Mr. Dwinells discussed a financing program that allows property owners to finance qualifying energy efficiency and clean energy improvements on their personal properties. Mr. Zalzman also attended a conference regarding this subject and will ask some one from CEFIA (Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority) to come and speak to the Committee.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Cratty received a letter from the Bethel Town Clerk requesting a meeting schedule for 2013 be forwarded to her. Keith Watson made a motion, seconded by Randi Oisher that the Energy Committee meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month for the year 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon J. Straiton.