

(special solar at landfill meeting)

**MINUTES Town of Exeter Energy Committee**

Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 3:00 pm. ZOOM via Exeter TV

*Amy Farnham, Lew Hitzrot, Renay Allen, .....: Dave Sharples, Julie Gilman*

Members of the public were present: Chetana Parmar of the Sustainability cmte

\*\* please note ZOOM protocol was issued by town, public comment was available

*The select board had called a special meeting for Jan 11th, and asked the committee to present. This special meeting of the Energy cmte was convened to organize our presentation, and coordinate it with the Sustainability cmte. They will also present.*

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

**Preamble Disclaimer and Roll call:** executed

**Last month's minutes:** approved

**Presentation discussion:** Lew, who was on the interview cmte, had drafted a statement. Renay had drafted a graphic highlighting important numbers from the proposal. These were both edited and discussed by all committee members. The committee is in favor of the option to own the array, as it provides the most income, and we can use the recs towards our town carbon reduction goals. Cannot use the recs when a developer owns the array and we just lease it. There is no tax impact to either option. They are both money makers from year one. The option to own just generates a whole lot more revenue, which helps lessen the tax burden of citizens. ReVision makes the same amount of money whether they sell the array to us or a developer who then leases it to us.

**Logistics:** Renay will read the intro and bullet points, then show the graphic. Lew will read the body of the document. Dave will then talk some details, like a lower rate on the bond than the stated 20-yr 2.75%, (it is actually currently at 1.67%). James Hasselbeck of ReVision Energy will be on hand to answer very technical or company questions.

**Action Items"**

Chetana will present information on the greenhouse gas reduction amounts and town clean energy goals.

Amy will get some figures from case studies like the Phillips Exeter owned array, and other leased arrays at town landfills. She will get these to Lew before Monday.

Julie will support the discussion from her position on the select board.

Renay will create a sheet to go in the select board packet by Friday noon.

Meeting was voted to adjourn at 3:35pm