

Minutes
ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
and
Design Review Committee
Landfill Solar Array and Parking Lot Canopies
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
7:00 PM
Multipurpose Room, Adult Center, Community Center

- I. Called to order 7:07PM. Welcome and Introduction of Energy Advisory and Design Review Committees Attendance: EAC: Valerie White, George Aronson, Lajos Kamoscay, Silas Fyler, Observers: Rob Maidman, Jim Daylor. DSD: Tim Magner, SarahCate Pfister Design Review: (all appointed members present) (East) Lauren Smith, Julie Rowe, Ron Goodman (Gavins), Colin Barbera, Paul Wen, Paul Driscoll, (Landfill) Siddharth Jeevan, Ted Galeota, Lajos reviewed the reason for the meeting. The goal is not to decide whether projects should go forward but to find common ground. It will be a cooperative effort between EAC and the Design Review Group. Timeline: Recommendation to Selectboard is due in early March. He asked that the DRG arrive at a comprehensive list of concerns in order of priority. Topics will be esthetic and functional design, scheduling of construction.
- II. Approval of Minutes from Dec. 16, 2019 meeting. (EAC) approved
- III. Introduction of Distributed Solar (DSD) Tim Magner and SarahCate Pfister
- IV. Presentation by Distributed Solar of current designs and options. He gave an explanation of capping of landfills and the use of Tetrattech for permitting. He described DSD's engagement with Eversource regarding interconnections; there has been no response from applications made in Sept/Oct. This delay is not surprising; approval takes a while. Eversource response is necessary for Smart Block application. East: There will be 15 foot clearance, standard for overpasses, allowing for school busses and plows. No change to driving patterns or parking space numbers is necessary. Drainage will conform to existing drainage on site. Choice of dual slope canopy rather than monoslope reduces height. (Also true at Gavins). Gavins: foundations will be placed along the edges of parking slots. Removal of trees is subject to approval of Tree Board.
- V. Design discussion: Landfill project Sid Jeevan was concerned about glare, suggested maybe using screening trees between his house and the panels, possibly even on landowner's property, with permission.

- VI. Design discussion: East Elementary project Panel members had visited other sites. They expressed concern about getting DPW to sand and salt refrozen snowmelt and concern about snow load. DSD uses national standards. They carry insurance for injury. DRG members were concerned that a transformer box would be an eyesore and made suggestions for placement. DSD explained that wires are underground. Most invasive construction will take place during the summer. There was concern about safety on the playground with construction debris and DSD said they would be scrupulous.
- VII. Design discussion: Gavins Pond project. One abutter was adamant that the project was unacceptable because of the visual effect, concerns about safety, noise during construction, traffic, trucks and possible blasting (the area is full of ledge) and glare. He was concerned that wildlife would be displaced onto his property. He objected to the cutting of trees. He mentioned current problems of “suspicious activity” of parked cars and loud music. When the chair suggested he work towards common ground, he said the main problem was the front structure and that possibly the long canopy could be expanded instead. DSD explained that there would be no blasting; the support columns’ foundation holes are drilled. Paul Driscoll has submitted the Soccer Association’s concerns in writing but explained that there are 600 kids involved and their primary concern had to do with scheduling and safety. There was discussion of the possibility of leveling the mound (to be done by the Town), moving the parking and canopy away from the road and inserting a “green” area between the new parking area and the road for screening. Lajos gave his notes (on stickies) to the different groups and asked them to prioritize.
- VIII. Discuss future meeting schedules and reporting methods The next meeting will be. Jan 22 7:00PM Location TBD.
- IX. Status updates of future sites - middle school / Heights / Well no. 5
Deferred to next meeting
- X. Status of Sharon Power Choice, Deferred to next meeting,
- XI. Questions and Answers (audience—if time permits) Incorporated into discussion.
- XII. Group discussion and topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting Deferred.
- XIII. Adjourned 9:44PM,