

Town of Sharon
Municipal Solar Oversight Committee
Minutes for 02/21/2023 meeting held 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm on Zoom

Welcome

Committee Attendees: George Aronson (Chair), Silas Fyler, Xander Shapiro, Chris Pimental (4/5)

Guest Attendee: Allen Giles (Sollect)

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed from the meeting on January 9, 2023 and approved by a vote of 3-0 with one abstention (Silas, who missed the meeting).

Status of existing projects

George reported the following:

- Mountain Street Landfill project: Per Jackie Bruce, project manager, DSD has been working with MassDEP on a modest revision to the post-closure use permit to reflect the final lay-out. DSD anticipates filing a revision by the end of February. DSD also has agreed on the interconnection with Eversource and made the first payment. DSD filed for SMART incentive and is in file review; a PSOQ is expected any day. Construction is targeted to mobilize in June 2023.
- Gavin's Pond parking lot canopy. Eversource is working on the initial interconnection study, but has determined that an impact study will be required. Timeline is indefinite.
- Heights Elementary School battery energy storage system (BESS). Metering, monitoring and enclosure fence posts are installed. Conduit into the school electric room will be run during vacation week. There are a few punchlist items to be completed, then inspection, commissioning, fire alarm work and Eversource energization. The BESS is anticipated to be in service by the end of March.
- East Elementary School canopy. Operating. Generated 14.43 MWh in 2023 ytd, 336.71 MWh since energized on 12 July 2021.
- Heights Elementary School rooftop. Operating. Generated 17.31 MWh ytd and 551.03 MWh since energized on 30 June 2020.
- DPW project. Allen reported that the LOI has been signed.

Middle School solar canopy project

The public meeting is scheduled for the Middle School library starting at 7 pm on Monday, February 27. Xander will be on site at 6:30 pm to set up. The meeting should be completed no later than 8:30 pm.

Outreach has included the following:

- Rob M called all abutters with no responses. (George spoke with Scott Lopez at 90 Mountain Street)
- Post cards were mailed to each abutter.
- Middle school administration is aware of the public meeting. School Committee members were invited with mailers.
- Meeting notices are posted at the Middle School; appeared in the weekly SPS Dispatch, and coordinate with Middle School PTO. Comments are starting to appear on Town FaceBook groups.

- Xander mentioned the meeting as part of public comment at the last Select Board meeting.
- The Agenda is posted on the Town Energy Advisory Committee website as an in person meeting.
- There will be no Zoom coverage, but Chris will invite Sharon TV for live coverage.

The Agenda will be as follows:

- Meeting will be opened by Dan Rabatsky (EAC Chair), or by George Aronson (MSOC Chair).
- George will introduce the MSOC committee mission and role of the public meeting in the project development process.
- Xander will welcome school admin and Committee members and introduce the Solect Team.
- Solect will give the presentation. Benefits will be discussed before the renderings are shown.
- Xander will field questions and direct to Solect, School Dept staff or George or others as appropriate. Comments will be acknowledged with thank-yous. All commenters will be asked to state their name and street address. Time limits will depend on crowd size and level of participation. George will be time-keeper if needed.

Group discussion topics

- Solect will attend Green Day on May 7.
- Other sites where solar projects might be developed include:
 - Parking Lot on Pond Street across from High School – Rec Dept. had requested no loss of parking. There is no on-site load. Allen will consider.
 - Well #5. Allen aware of issues.
 - MBTA station, Town side. Revenue sharing with MBTA raises issues. Also need to observe Zone 1 setback from Well #4. Potential for project on roof of water treatment facility to be installed.
 - Sacred Heart parking lot. Rec Department uses as site for carnival and would oppose.
- Next meeting date set for Monday, March 27, 2022, 4:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm