Town of Sharon

Municipal Solar Oversight Committee

Draft Minutes for 4/5/21

**Welcome**

Glen Silverman, Siddharth Jeevan, Ron Stern, Robert Violanto

**Committee Attendees**

George Aronson, Xander Shapiro, Alexander X. Tomic, Rob Maidman, Chris Pimentel, Silas Fyler, David Ruggerio

**Approval of Minutes for 3/8/2021**

Committee passed both minutes by a vote of 5-0-0. Alexander X. Tomic was not present.

**Landfill Solar Array**

1. George Aronson – presented the status of the Post Closure Use Application Permit (PCUP).
   1. He acknowledged the comments received since last meeting and forwarded them to DSD.
   2. DSD discussions with MassDEP revealed that they did not want to do an iterative process and only wanted one design.
   3. The result was DSD decided to look at the engineering of doing a ten foot high berm rather than a 5 foot berm to submit in the PCUP. This would take a few weeks and would delay submitting the PCUP. DSD would have available an updated PCUP on Apr 23.
   4. DSD stated that the electrical design would change as well to use 490 w panels. The new panels would help support the higher berm.
2. Silas Fyler - asked about the quality of the new 490 w panels.
3. Robert Violanto – ask if sound barriers could be placed around the transformers or the transformers be moved farther away from Mountain Street. He also asked for evergreen trees along Mountain Street to prevent the view of array.

**Heights Elementary Solar Array**

Silas Fyler - quick update on Heights. The Fire Department training has happened. We are just waiting for the meter from Eversource. The battery status is in wait mode until Eversource finishes interconnection.

**East Elementary Solar Array**

1. Silas Fyler – Status is we are waiting for Eversource for solar tie-in.
2. George Aronson - Suggested we create sub-committee to help with mitigation issues at East Elementary.
3. Xander Shapiro and Chris Pimentel will form the new sub-sub- committee for East mitigation.

**Factors That Effect Next Round Solar**

George Aronson - discussed electric production / town electrical use and the appetite the town has for purchasing electricity from any new solar arrays.

**Discussion of potential viable sites for Town solar PV**

Silas Fyler – presented previously selected sites throughout the town for solar arrays.

Next meeting April 26th at 4:30pm