Town of Sharon

Municipal Solar Oversight Committee

Draft Minutes for 5/3/21

**Welcome**

Glen Silverman, Siddharth Jeevan, Robert Violanto, Tim Magner, Josh Burdett

**Committee Attendees**

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

**Approval of Minutes for 4/26/2021**

Committee passed minutes by a vote of 4-0-1. Alexander Tomic Abstained

**Executive Session**

Executive Session per M.G.L. Part I, Title III , Chapter 30a, Section 21 and MGL Ch. 30, Sec 22(6) to consider terms of a lease of real property (interpretation of Exhibit E to the Town’s site lease with Mountain Street Solar Project 2019, LLC) for which the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Committee voted 5-0-0 to enter executive session with addition of David Ruggerio

**Exiting of Executive Session**

**Landfill Solar Array**

1. George – Landscape committee is disappointed with DSD and the landscape process put forward and time taken. Looking to DSD for moving forward and productive. Committee has accepted the berm as not feasible at the moment for number of reasons. We are concerned about delay in submittal for PCUP. Very important for the process for line of sight mitigations process move forward with a range of reasonable options to submit to the committee.
2. George - Motion - To encourage that DSD move forward PCUP as expeditiously as possible. Understand and accept it will not contain the berm. Committee would still like to still see site plan and wording before submittal. DSD to engage with committee and tree warden and other committees to investigate the range of options for line of sight mitigations. Rob – the document must come to the committee first before submittal. Committee voted 5-0-0 to accept motion.
3. George – Timeline? Josh - May 21st will have a draft for PCUP. Committee will schedule meeting for the 5/24/21 at 4:30pm
4. Xander – meeting on the 11th for mitigation walk through on landfill. Josh will create a site visit summary. George asked for noise meter readings during the walk through.
5. George – has submitted a question if trees planted outside of landfill are subject to MassDEP jurisdiction related to PCUP?
6. Josh – shared an acoustics map for the landfill. Typical sound level at 40-45 decibel at Robert’s house on Mountain Street.
7. Silas – Can we consider moving the panels back away from the Mountain Street side since we are no longer considering the berm and what issues does this cause? Josh - we have just brought electrical team back up. Rob – disagrees as it gives more flexibility to the plan. Decided to review during the walk through.

**East Elementary Solar Array**

1. Xander – gave update on mitigation and plantings. Everything is resolved. Good plan. Planting should happen this spring within budget.

**New High School Solar Array**

1. Silas – gave update for the discussions with architect. Hope to get 700-800 kWcapacity. This means we will need to implement the Ames Street Parking lot to get to 90% coverage for the building. The size of the system will require a battery. There is an outstanding issue of where the battery could be located. Timing for buildout will be something like next summer.
2. Rob - ask how long will take to install. Josh – 3 months for canopy and a roof top about two months.
3. George – we will need to review the MOU to confirm materials needed along with a notice.
4. Silas suggested a subcommittee to handle the High School information gathering. Silas volunteered and George volunteered as well. Gather what was needed for the MOU.

**Gavins**

1. Rob – ask status of Gavins Solar array. Josh - We are still waiting until September for start of study.

Gavins Pond project is not involved in the ASO group studies.

**Heights Elementary Solar Array**

1. Silas – battery contract likely within the next week.
2. George – described the SMART Block assignment change and what the basis was.

**Other**

1. David Ruggerio – Can we have conversation on town’s energy goals.

Next meeting May 24rd at 4:30pm