

Town of Sharon  
Energy Advisory Committee (EAC)  
Minutes for 10/3/18

**Attendees**

Lajos Kamocsay, Valerie White, Sachin Patel, George Aronson, Silas Fyler

**Status of RFP for Energy Broker**

Silas Fyler met with Fred Turkington for review of final RFP. There were some minor changes to the dates, wrong w9 version, some verbiage on where to deliver RFP, and some minor changes in the rating nomenclature for the technical evaluation. Per authorization of last EAC meeting we were able to make the changes and the decision to release the RFP. Release date is 10/1/2018. Selectmen had posted on COMMBUYs and posted in Patriot Ledger.

The procedures for handling questions related to the RFP and their associated addenda were discussed. Committee tentatively is planning a meeting on 10/17/18 at 6:30 to go over the questions related to the RFP and post the answers in the form an addendum. If there are no substantive questions are received there will be no meeting and no addendum released.

Committee plans to meet on 11/6/18 to go over the technical responses for the RFP. At end of that meeting, schedules for interviews will be made until late November. The hope is to have a final decision for the Selectmen during the last week of November and to present to the Selectmen on Dec 4th.

Committee also decided to notify a number of known energy brokers directly to the existence of the RFP.

**Communication**

Emails received and the processes for handling the responses within the framework of the EAC email and EAC webpage in regards to open meeting laws were discussed. Committee decided that Lajos Kamocsay would keep track of the emails to the committee and the responses to the questions.

**Results from Interconnection Pre Applications**

Sachin Patel presented the pre-application responses for electrical interconnection with the Eversource grid of solar PV projects under consideration for the Town landfill on Mountain Street and the Sharon High School parking lot.

**Review of Draft RFP outline for Solar on town owned land**

George Aronson presented questions to the committee on the process going forward for the RFP for solar on town owned land. Up for discussions was

1. Sites and installations to be addressed: availability, process for confirming availability of surveyed area and getting all requisite approvals,
  - Landfill
  - Other Town properties – ground-mount, roof mount, canopies
  - Commercial properties

- Standard offers for residents

The committee decided that

- An RFP would be created for (i) the right to develop a solar PV project at the Town landfill and (ii) the right to install solar PV panels on canopies on Town-owned parking lots and other appropriate locations to be determined. The terms of the RFP for the project at the Town landfill would be specific; the terms of the RFP for the canopies would be more conceptual and indicative.
  - The RFP would not address generic proposals to install solar PV panels on commercial and residential properties, which rights would not have special attraction to potential RFP respondents.
2. Sachin Patel and Silas Fyler would meet with Ken Wertz to discuss the potential canopies over the school parking lots.
  3. Town roles and access to staff
    - DPW/Engineering
    - Town Counsel
    - Users of properties or adjacent areas (e.g., school department)

Committee decided to add Town Finance director to list of staff to keep apprised of the RFP going forward.

4. Type of agreement for Landfill project – site lease vs. energy management performance contract (25A); and inclusion of draft agreements in the RFP vs. business principles. These decisions need to be discussed with the Town Manager and Town Counsel.
5. Town's ability to purchase net metering credits in light of future electricity usage and existing purchase commitments.

While the committee was able to get the contract for the present net metering purchase of power from Syncarpha, there was some confusion as to its meaning. Decided Silas Fyler would track down amount of energy town was getting from present contract. Accepted that base energy usage of the town government was approximately 5,000 MWh.

6. Interconnections: pre-application results, status of new Eversource substation on Bullard at Richards were discussed.

**Next Meeting to be on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Community Center**

Committee decided normal open meeting plus review of RFP offers for Municipal Broker.