

Sandisfield Green Committee Minutes April 22, 2021

In Attendance: George Riley, Anina Carr, Larry Dwyer

Location: Town Hall Annex Basement, 2:00 PM

The meeting began at 2:10 PM with the reading of the minutes from March 15, 2021.

The following topics were reviewed:

- Green Communities grant extension.
- Letter drafted for the grant extension.
- Solar array and heat pump projects.
- Adding new members with technical experience to the Green Committee.

The solar array project was discussed, and it was decided that a roof based system would be sufficient for the Town Hall Annex need's and that ground mounted solar panels would not be required.

Virtual Net Metering was discussed. Any excess electricity produced by a town solar array could be used to offset electricity by any facility that the town owns.

Energy Resources would be contacted as a bidder for the solar array and heat pump system. Larry provided a list of contractors contacted for the heat pump and solar array. Despite Energy Resources creating the town's energy reduction plan, they were overlooked as a bidder for the solar array and heat pump projects. The bidding deadline was extended until May 31, 2021, so that Energy Resources would be given an opportunity to bid on the projects. MT Cavanaugh in Sheffield was also suggested as a contact for the heat pump project.

The following contractors have been contacted:

1. Valley Solar has not responded and will submit a proposal for a solar array.
2. Sunbug Solar replied once and will be contacted again.
3. Northeast Solar turned down the project.
4. Solect Energy turned down the project.
5. Pioneer Valley Photo Voltaic did not respond.
6. William Perotti & Sons Plumbing was not able to be contacted for the heat pumps.
7. Harland B Foster has turned down the project for heat pumps.
8. Energy Resources will be contacted and given an extension to submit a bid.
9. MT Cavanaugh will be contacted to submit a bid for the heat pump project.

Meeting adjourned 3:40 PM.

Minutes by Larry Dwyer