

## Sandisfield Green Committee Minutes June 9, 2022

In Attendance: George Riley, Anina Carr, Larry Dwyer

Location: Town Hall Annex, 1:00 PM

The meeting began at 1:10 PM with the reading and approval of the minutes from September 1, 2021.

The following topics were reviewed:

- Discuss filing final report for the Mass Green Communities DOER and closing of the designation grant.

Larry has done most of the work for the final report. Larry said he will add the insulation and LED light projects to the report. All three projects will be combined into one report.

Larry had been told by the MASS DOER that administrative cost can be recovered and added to the grant. This will leave approximately \$8,4588 left in the grant which could be used towards future projects. Administrative costs have to be charged against a paid employee. Since George worked as the Interim Town Manager, his hours can be deducted as administrative costs for the grant balance. George and Larry will need a description of the work performed in the narrative. George worked with Cambridge Energy Services on the META 7 grant and on converting the design into specifications for a solar array. He spent time working with the Green Committee evaluating bids from solar contractors. He also worked on evaluating the insulation project and LED lighting project.

Keith Torrico of Grenergy needs the contact for the webmaster to set up the solar array web monitoring program. He also needs information of who the contact would be for the Renewable Energy Credits. This would have to go through the Town Treasurer in order for the money to be deposited in the General Fund.

Questions arose as to whether we could offset any credits for the street lights or for the Transfer Station energy costs. Can we share energy credits with other accounts. With single Net Metering, what is the dollar value per kWh. Larry was asked to talk to Keith Torrico about this. It was also asked if bids were required in advance to apply for a future Competitive Grants.

The town electrician was asked to check out the Transfer Station due to an unusual amount of power that is being used there. It was proposed that the heaters to keep the hydraulic fluid to keep the fluid up to operating temperatures are the source of the problem. The heaters seem to be on all the time, and it is needed to find out why. It was asked how long does it take to bring the fluid up to operating temperature. Could the heater be put on a timer, so it is not running 24/7? Is it the heater or is it an improper installation. This is not defined. Calls will be made to the manufacturer of the compacter.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 PM.

Minutes by Nina Carr and Larry Dwyer