

Minutes of the Monterey REWG 6/15/22

The Renewable Energy Working Group met on June 15, 2022, at Monterey Community Center, 468 Main Road, Monterey, MA 01245, and via Zoom.

Members Present in person: Peter Murkett, Rob Hoogs, Peter Grealish,
Members Present remotely via Zoom: John Prusinski, Chris Aidun
Others present remotely via Zoom: Dennis Lynch, grant writer

Agenda:

Fundraising/Grants
Promotional/Branding
Fire Company update
Minutes

Meeting called to order about 6:00 p.m.

Fundraising/Grants:

REWG needs funds from some source(s) to hire a technical consultant to help committee evaluate alternative solar installations, assess feasibility of the alternative, review technical and legal issues, public vs private property issues, and prepare bid documents for the installation of a solar array at a preferred site.

Dennis Lynch reported that he spoke with Mark Rubinsky, DOER representative, regarding the possibility of applying for a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Grant (META). This grant could potentially assist REWG with hiring a consultant for a municipal solar installation. DOER has not yet established a time line for the application.

REWG is considering the alternative of doing private fundraising for a consultant in case public funds are not available. Peter will meet with Town Administrator Melissa Noe to discuss this possibility in advance of the Select Board's July 6 meeting. It was moved and seconded to delegate Peter Murkett to contact our potential consultant (Beacon Integrated Solutions) about what the scope of services would be for a fee in the range of \$15,000 to 30,000. Also, a draft fundraising plan should be developed that could be done either in conjunction with or separate from a META grant. The motion was approved unanimously.

Peter Murkett reported that the Select Board and Finance Committee had met to discuss the potential uses for ARPA grant funds and to agree on a set of criteria for assessing grant applications. Peter will arrange a separate REWG meeting to discuss a possible application by REWG for an ARPA grant application for a consultant. We discussed which of the three potential funding sources REWG should prioritize, and it was voted that an ARPA grant application should be our first priority.

Promotional/Branding for REWG outreach materials:

{Chris Aidun left the meeting.}

We discussed alternative Logos and Branding. This will be discussed in more detail at a subsequent meeting.

Minutes:

A motion was made and voted to approve the minutes of May 4 and May 18 as drafted.

The meeting was adjourned about 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hoogs
Monterey Renewable Energy Working Group