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Deerfield Energy Committee MINUTES

January 22, 2026 4:00 pm via Zoom

Attendance: MA Swedlund, David Gilbert-Keith, Steve Svoboda, Laurie Boosahda (minute-taker),
Ryan Kingston, Greg Francheschi, Brian Dolan, Ted Harvey - FRCOG

1. Brian Dolan voted in as a new member - recommended by SelectBoard
2. Minutes of December tabled for now..
3. [Advancing Massachusetts Power](#) grant - Ryan reports that we are tabling this for now. Possible source of information - Chris Mason, because Montague did a MicroGrid feasibility study a few years ago...
4. Solar on the SD WasteWater Treatment Plant - Ted: One option - use META grant; second option, consultant Wesson & Samson could produce high level design for \$1 - 2,000
MA contacted PVsquared and NorthEast Solar - both are willing to offer a rough estimate of possibilities.
Alex Galloway will follow up.
Power Options - Ryan reports this company works with towns to offer Power Purchase Agreements.
5. Climate Leadership - Ted: Charlotte Weigel from NEED (Consultant) sent out survey to organize assistance for local towns.
6. Green Communities - Ted Harvey reports that final reporting is underway. Check in with Alex G. - it must be in by the end of February. Ted will work on Frontier proposal - due April 10.
7. MA + Laurie reported on conversation with DEDIC at recent Engage Deerfield. Richard Andriole is interested in helping to coordinate an information session.
8. Bike Lanes - Greg F will talk with Alex G about whether new bike lanes are part of new road design. Suggestion to talk with Open Space committee about their interest.
9. Bruce Dolan shared info about "Shaving the Peak" to reduce need for gas- or coal-fired peaker plants.
10. CCI - MA shared info about budget review; health insurance costs up. Solar will reduce town utilities.
11. MA moves we adjourn, Laurie seconds - unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm
Next meeting: February 24, 2026 4:00 Zoom