

Deerfield Energy Meeting 3/30/2023

Attendance: David Gilbert-Keith, Chair, MA Swedlund, Greg Franscheschi, Steven Svoboda, Jay Stryker

- 1) Minutes - draft of March was postponed
Taker - Laurie
- 2) Grant Seeking
 - a. Green Communities -
 - i) Reporting update: Report was written by Allison Gage but not yet submitted. MA spoke with Tim Hickey, David will follow-up with Kayce Warren
 - ii) Elementary School - Laurie will check with Tom Hilchey for an RFP for Solar
 - iii) Other municipal buildings - apply for Deep Energy Audit \$\$ for 1888?, Church?
 - b. Frontier Regional Energy Planning Task Force - Letter was sent to Deerfield SelectBoard for appointments

David will contact other towns to see if they have been appointed by their SelectBoards; and if other reps agree to move forward with Mass Save Deep Energy Audit

Possible action for Fall GC grant: Control system for heating, could cost \$100,000 (Ben Weil)

- 3) The new Stretch and Specialized Code - MA will contact Chris Mason; he might talk to towns about what it entails. Building Commissioner should be involved. David will check with Jason Curtis about new construction in town.
- 4) Legislative consultation: what would we recommend to state legislators - MA will be part of meeting with Melissa Hoffer, new Mass. Climate Chief. Technical assistance with grant-writing, enforcement of building code (weatherization), Shared Town Energy Planner (small towns are all-volunteer boards). Help with engineering. Possible communication between DPU, the utilities, and towns about tree cutting?
- 5) Aggregation Update: Laurie will ask Denise Allard from Colonial about adding Frontier. Our current 3-year contract ends on December 31, 2023. New pricing will be negotiated. MA will attend next meeting.
- 6) UMass CEE Solar Program - Resident Survey posted to town website and Deerfield Now.
- 7) Bike Lanes (both in town and to neighboring communities) - Greenfield CPC denied request to fund feasibility study.
- 8) Report for Town Meeting - David submitted.
- 9) Action Items/New Business
 - a. Working with local businesses to reduce energy use
 - b. Legislative updates
 - c. Outreach/Education -
- 10) Items Unanticipated - Does town want more trees? Nursery at north end of N. Main? At schools?
Greg will contact Jason Miller, Tree warden

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:00

Jay moves to adjourn Greg seconds. Unanimously approved
Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Boosahda