

Town of Deerfield Committee Meeting

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Date: October 20, 2022

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting (via Zoom)

Minutes

Attendees:

David Gilbert-Keith	Chair
Laurie Boosahda	Member
M.A. Swedlund	Member
Steven Svoboda	Member
Jay Stryker	Member
Alex Herchenreder	Administrative Assistant

1) **Minutes:**

- a. Minutes: MA volunteers
- b. Draft minutes from 8/18/22 tabled
Draft minutes from 9/22/22 tabled

2) **Green Communities:**

- a. Final reporting on last grant: need supporting documentation:
 - MA and David will coordinate with Allison Gage to get the data in by November 4th
- b. EV Stations
 - Steve S. will check with Town accountant to find out about the account and recent bills
 - EV charging meter not being reported to Mass Energy Insight
- c. Spring Grant Cycle: David reported
 - In preparation for the Spring grant cycle Deerfield has been working with FRCOG to be able to include Frontier Regional School in our grant. We have also met with William Hildreth, the Facilities Manager for the School District, and Ben Weil, from UMass. Mr. Hildreth is very concerned that the two old, massive natural gas boilers that heat the school now may fail soon. The School has installed mini-splits for cooling in about 1/3 of the rooms in the school now using Eversource rebates and plans to continue putting them around the rest of the school. They haven't been using them for heat.

We invited Mr. Weil in to help design a plan that didn't involve replacing NG boilers with just more efficient NG boilers. Our first meeting went very well. We toured the school HVAC system and Mr. Weil had some ways to move forward that would use the mini-splits for both heating and cooling provide necessary air handling so we could reduce the demand/stress on the old boilers thus encouraging them to limp along as a more permanent system is installed over time.

Mr. Hildreth and Mr. Weil will continue to meet to fine tune the plan.

- Annie Curtis from the DES School Committee contacted David to talk about energy savings we could help with. He will get back in touch

- d. Shared Ground Source Heat Pump

- We discussed whether the Library Addition HVAC could tie into a geothermal campus system. Steve S. reported that it would be much better to have a water rather than freon circulation system. It would be useful to know what decisions have been made and to have input or Ben Weil have input.

3) Updates:

- a. CCI: MA missed the last meeting. no report
- b. Meeting with UMass Solar Planning Monday October 24th

4) Landfill Solar:

- a. Alex reported that Nexamp is preparing reports for permitting. Nexamp hired Weston and Sampson (Weston & Sampson provides interdisciplinary design, **engineering**, and environmental services for public and private entities along the East Coast.) they have done work for the town before

5) Aggregation: Leverett just had to sign up for \$.23 supply contract

6) Next meeting: November 17th 5:00

7) Vote to adjourn: 5:51 unanimous

Respectfully submitted

M.A. Swedlund