

Minutes  
Millis Energy Committee  
900 Main St., Millis, MA 02054  
Monday, November 13, 2017, 6:30 PM

**Attending:** Craig Gibbons, Tom O'Connell, Jonathan Barry, Robert Weiss (Town Energy Manager)

Mr. Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Mr. Gibbons captured meeting minutes.

**New Business**

Mr. Weiss provided an update on the Green Community year end report progress. It was submitted along with an itemization of projects eligible for reimbursement. The report indicates a 12% energy reduction improvement from the baseline year of 2014. There are a number of factors that contribute to the 12% (ex. warmer winter, reduced energy demand). These factors need to be considered for upcoming years in pursuit of our 5 year energy reduction goals.

Mr. Weiss also provided a quick status of net zero program initiatives, the 1280 Main Street Solar project, Community Electrical Aggregation paperwork progress and the evaluation of a microgrid for Millis.

Millis has received a grant to perform a microgrid feasibility study. The microgrid, which would be comprised of locally generated electricity, would be connected to the larger, traditional grid but could be run as an independent grid (i.e. microgrid) when and if necessary. The analysis has been started. The report will be provided for review in a future meeting.

The committee also reviewed the timelines associated with the Green Communities competitive funding round. The competitive round is what is pursued for additional project funding after an initial Green Community grant.

**Old Business**

The committee reviewed paperwork that resulted from the Prism audit. Mr. Barry extended the audit finding data to include MMBTU figures and relative weighting of efficiency gains to project cost. The result was a ranking of eligible projects based on the greatest efficiency gain per dollar spent.

Mr. Gibbons suggested the committee coordinate a meeting with our Mass DOER representative to review the competitive grant process and receive guidance with regard to the projects we believe will be most beneficial.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion to request Mass DOER attendance at our next meeting. Mr. Barry seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor. Mr. Weiss took the task of coordinating with MA DOER to gather potential dates and times to meet.

The committee performed an initial review of the value-weighted projects, identified in the audit process, and noted there were many high value projects at the Millis Middle/High School. To this end, the committee asked that we share the audit findings and recommendations to the School Committee to raise awareness and seek any additional insights from them. Mr. Weiss agreed to submit a request to present the information at an upcoming School Committee meeting.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Barry seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor. The Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

The next meeting of the Committee is tentatively scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM pending Mass DOER availability and scheduling conflicts.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig M. Gibbons