

Solar Committee Minutes – October 3, 2022

Members present: Cynthia Beauvais, Rick Crouthamel, Al Grignon, Carrie Peabody

Absent: Kris Kelesian, Bill Nunan

Guest: Dona Cuppett

Review/Approve Minutes:

- The minutes of September 26th, 2022 were reviewed/approved for posting on the Town website.

Project Workplan/Status:

- Al presented an updated workplan of project tasks. Project overall 60% complete. Finalized #75, working on completing #76.
- The committee is close to being back on schedule but moratorium end date will be tight. If necessary, the team will request a 2-3 week extension from the January 2023 date of expiration. Dependent upon progress made between now and December we may or may not need an extension. A decision will be made at the beginning of December if an extension should be requested. The ordinance is expected to go up for vote at the March 2023 annual town meeting.
- Al will update the project workplan based on completion of tasks and present to the team at the Oct. 10 meeting.

Survey:

- A couple of surveys were received on Monday, Oct 3. The last minute responses were entered into the survey spreadsheet at the meeting bringing the tally to 71% (75 NO), 29% (31 YES), 106 total surveys received.
- The team identified **4 areas of concern: Visual Impact, Environmental Concerns, Safety & Health, and Cost/Benefits**
- Areas of concern are being tagged in the survey response spreadsheet by Rick/Dona to highlight common responses on concerns/contingencies between Y/N responses.
- Graph(s) showing areas of concern will be generated and added to the final survey findings. Carrie will send all final survey findings to the Town office for publication on the website early next week.
- The team will need to generate a Summary of Survey findings for posting on the Town Website - for discussion on Monday, Oct. 10.
- The Survey response period has officially ended. No further surveys will be accepted.

Ordinance review/draft:

- Al Grignon will work on a Fee Table, speak to the Planning Board about SES permits, and address the incorporation of SES into existing town ordinances/use tables.
- Per an email from Elaine Abbott (SEEC) to Cynthia Beauvais dated Oct. 4, the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be discussing the Land Use chapter next.

Elaine said Solar farms can be brought up and the committee can discuss it at their upcoming meeting.

- Carrie is working on the Solar Ordinance draft and will send out a rough 1st “work version” to the team via email by Oct. 10.
- The team will incorporate areas of concern based upon Survey Question feedback into the working ordinance draft next session.

Meeting Schedule:

- The Solar Committee will meet on **Monday, October 10, 2022 at 5PM at the Town Office.**
- Cynthia will pick up a key by Thursday, October 6th so that the team has entry to the building on Monday evening, as it is a holiday.