

TOWN OF BEDFORD ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

December 19, 2019
BCTV MEETING ROOM
10 MEETINGHOUSE ROAD

- I. Call to Order 7:00 PM
- II. Quorum Count (5)
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 10/2019, 11/2019 (posted online)
- IV. Reports of Members and Committees
 - a. Legislative update – Chris
 - b. School projects – John Schneller
- V. Special Orders
 - a. None
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Green Business Award -
 1. Nominations Due Wednesday, March 18, 2020
 2. Reviews completed at March, 2020 BEC Meeting
 3. Awards Presented/Announced on Earth Day April 22, 2020
 - A. The goal is to have some sort of town-wide event or events such as a road clean-up and formal presentation
 - B. Timeline and posting flyers on facebook - Jeff
 - b. Solsmart
 1. www.thesolarfoundation.org
 - A. Start with Bronze level – Sarah/Chris
 - c. Eversource bills to calculate demand charges - Bing
 1. Pool apparently runs 24x7
 - A. This means no demand charges and might be a good PV candidate
 2. Library big electricity consumer – Chris/Jeff
 - A. Investigating the purchase of IoTaWatt open source energy monitoring system for less than \$250
 - d. Change transfer station policy to put recyclables in solid waste – Bill Foote
 1. Proposal to change resident sorting to reduce costs and be ready for any future changes in recycling policy
 2. Is an onsite paper/cardboard baler an option?
 3. Maybe look at an outdoor screen again as part of the public education effort
 - A. Look at the BHS sign the PTG installed this year
 - e. Plastic (#2) to structural plastic wood replacement – John Schneller

1. Working with the Conservation Commission to possibly address a bridge in town

f. Municipal Aggregation

1. Clean Energy NH meeting to discuss shared back office functions on 12/20 in Concord
2. For Bedford Municipal Aggregation offers a way to decrease electrical supply rates to residents and businesses below the Eversource rate while protecting against predatory practices of third party electric suppliers. This must not cause the Town to incur any additional costs
3. Municipal aggregation must not increase the workload of town employees without providing revenue to cover any costs
4. Municipal aggregation may allow Bedford to reduce the town's overall carbon footprint by:
 - A. Allowing differentiated pricing to allow residents to buy RECs for renewable energy
 - B. Incentivizing increased residential and commercial solar by offering a higher rate for excess solar fed into the grid
 - C. Allowing the Town to lease out the landfill for a 1.6 MW PV array with the Town as the sole off-taker of the power (assumes group net metering cap is raised at some point)

VII. New business

VIII. Reminders: Next upcoming meeting is January 23

IX. Adjournment

Jeff Kerr (Chair) – 3/2020

John Russell (Vice Chair) – 3/2021

Chris Bandazian (Town Council Liaison) – 3/2020

Catherine Rombeau (Town Council Liaison Alternate) – 3/2020

John Schneller (School Board Liaison) – 3/2020

Bill Foote (School Board Liaison Alternate) – 3/2020

Andrew Gillis – 3/2022

Bing Lu – 3/2021

Sarah Braese – 3/2022

Tim Paradis – 3/2022