

**New Shoreham Town Council Meeting
Town Hall, Old Town Road
Wednesday, January 25, 2012
11:30 a.m.**

Present: First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Raymond J. Torrey, Council members Peter B. Baute and Kenneth C. Lacoste. Also present were Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Washington County Regional Planning Director Jeff Broadhead and David Ward, third party engineer for WCRPC.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am

Discussion began over the broad issues of determining “payback” time and the elements of a lease. Jeff talked about a meeting he had on the mainland with Bob Hicks of the school and two other superintendents trying to understand the RIDE provisions for potential reimbursement under the state program for school improvements and how that impacts any school projects included here. Apparently anything under \$500,000 doesn’t have to go through the RIDE application and review process, but adding in the solar portion puts the school over that mark.

The sheet “A” was reviewed with the engineer and Jeff as to the council’s interest. Much discussion about why the library wasn’t listed re: temperature setback and whether Johnson Controls should be analyzing and reporting if something already in place is working properly or not. Dave agreed to look more closely at the library and at the work they have done there and give us his opinion.

Peter was interested in weighing the benefits of separating out the solar portion and dealing directly with companies so as not to lose the 30% credit. Most companies want a project of at least 200kw. Jeff agreed to talk to some solar manufacturers, Alterra being one to see if informally they have any interest in talking to the town. It was suggested that a presentation before the EUTG might be appropriate. Dave will review the non-solar portions and give recommendations. (He was going to visit the school again at the end of the meeting to review some points of the report with Amy Doran).

There was discussion about Seth Handy rendering an opinion that the net metering exclusion may not hold true for BIPCO since the legislation was moved to another section of the statutes where the exclusion is not mentioned? Alan Mandl may be asked to review Seth’s opinion.

The budget neutrality of the proposals of Johnson Controls was discussed in terms of the time frame for this year’s budget and what needs to be accomplished for the grant requirements by Sept.

Kim Gaffett moved to adjourn at 1:30. The motion was seconded by Ray with all in favor.

Minutes approved February 15, 2012

Nancy Dodge
Town Manager