

Town of Dublin Energy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6 PM at Town Hall, Select Board meeting room

In attendance: James Finnegan, Jack Munn, and Susan Peters (Select Board).

Dublin Transfer Station - capped landfill. Discussion focused on next steps to move forward with exploring a possible solar array on Town property at the capped landfill.

- Southwest Regional Planning Commission is printing maps of the area, using data from their data base together with research and data provided by Nobis Engineering. Jack will follow up with JB Mack about the status of the maps.
- JB Mack sent an email with some helpful links about SWRPC's Brownfield's Program:
 1. Nomination form for SWRPC Brownfields Program: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXBU0p69EXn2dTcvj2MkEGO1dfrZipOOz5Ye3EzdoOvHJmzg/viewform>
 2. SWRPC Brownfields webpage portal: <https://www.swrpc.org/programs-services/brownfields/>
 3. Best Practices for Siting Solar Photovoltaics on Municipal Solid Waste Landfills: https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-05/best-practices-siting-solar-photovoltaics-municipal-solid-waste-landfills_051722-pub.pdf
- Environmental considerations are very important including wetlands, wildlife corridors, and other natural characteristics. It would be very helpful to meet with the Conservation Commission later in March after the maps are ready. Susan will reach out to ConCom Chair Jay Schechter to give him a heads up about this possible project.
- Jack is in touch with Senator Jeanne Shaheen's office about a Congressional appropriations opportunity (CDL) that has opened up for special projects. Towns are eligible to apply either on their own or as a joint project with one or more other towns. Winchester was approved for a similar grant a few years ago; their community meets certain income criteria and has multiple brownfields sites. The deadline is March 22, and Jack could help writing the grant. The timing is tight with other commitments including Town Meeting on March 16.
- It was agreed that it would be very helpful to coordinate with John Kondos (Clean Energy NH) so that he is able to attend the next meeting in March.
- Mike Putnam reached out to Susan about work he is doing exploring solar opportunities in the region. Susan will follow up to learn more.

Energy Capital Reserve Fund warrant article. The 2024 Town Meeting warrant includes a proposed warrant article to establish an Energy Capital Reserve Fund and appropriate \$15,000 for the fund. This will likely generate discussion and questions. Susan will make the motion on behalf of the Select Board, and will offer a little background information. James offered to provide additional background, and all are welcome to help answer questions.

January 10, 2024 minutes

On motion made by Jack and seconded by James, the minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting were approved as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan W. Peters