## Minutes Millis Energy Committee 900 Main St., Millis, MA 02054 Monday, October 16, 2017, 6:30 PM

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

Tom Crowley (Sales Manager) and Fidele Mazimpaka (Energy Engineering Manager) from Prism Energy Services.

Mr. Gibbons called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Mr. Gibbons captured meeting minutes.

## **New Business**

Tom and Fidel (Prism Energy Services) joined the meeting to review the results of the municipal building energy audit. Please refer to audit dated 10/16/17 and posted in conjunction with these meeting notes for details.

Fidel walked us through the findings. He noted good, as well as suboptimal, project opportunities. Projects were deemed suboptimal if there were extended payback periods or simply disproportionate cost to value ratio.

Fidele also shared details on their next steps with regard to how they would execute any of the projects, tied to audit findings, at a later date. The Prism team was confident that an 8 week notice would be sufficient to start any of the identified projects. Most projects could likely get started with even shorter notice.

Prism's projects includes a product guarantee and service warranties. Projects do not include a performance guarantee.

Two Energy Management Systems (EMS) were included in the audit findings as potential projects. Prism shared that they are uncertain whether the 2017 incentives will be granted in 2018. Fidele stated that Prism could apply for incentives in 2017 if we believed these were viable projects. Any incentives granted could be cancelled at a later date if we chose not to proceed with either or both of these projects.

Ms. Streck made a motion to request the Prism Energy Services submits applications for EMS incentives, to the appropriate utilities, pending final review or audit findings and

prioritization to leverage the favorable 2017 incentives. Mr. Barry seconded. Vote 4-0 in favor.

It was also noted that each of the project was currently contingent on success with our Green Community competitive funding round and amounts awarded if successful.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Weiss then provided updates on our Green Community report submission. Some additional work, with regard to incentives paperwork updates, was needed but the report is progressing per anticipated timelines.

Mr. Weiss also provided updates on recurring items under consideration by the committee. These included insights on trends with regard to NetZero adoption, PV Solar installation, and Microgrids.

Mr. Weiss shared an updated on the Microgrid grant that will be leveraged to pay for a Cadmus feasibility study. The microgrid initiative would provide a resilient and self-sustaining infrastructure for municipal facilities.

Lastly, Mr. Weiss shared an update on the 1280 Main Street Community Shared Solar permitting. Known complaints, regarding the project, have been addressed and the project is moving forward.

Mrs. Streck made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Barry seconded. Vote 4-0 in favor. The Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next meeting of the Committee is tentatively scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM pending scheduling conflicts.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig M. Gibbons