

Millis Energy Committee

Veterans Memorial Building,
900 Main Street Millis, Mass 02054

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting Only

Millis Energy Committee – December, 2021

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88382154331>

Meeting ID: 883 8215 4331

AGENDA

Attendees: Tim Farrar, Jonathan Barry, Craig Gibbons, Kathleen Streck
Robert Weiss (Millis Economic Development and Planning Director/Energy Manager)
Peter Jurmain (Millis Board of Selectman)
Cullen Ward – candidate for committee member

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Craig to collect “Homeworks” notes for next meeting – contact Stephen Shinopoulos for introduction to their offerings for homeowners
- Robert to share materials from Eversource (Amanda Formica)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Cullen Ward, proposed appointment

- Maritime Engineering grad, Retired US Naval Reserve, Retired Coast Guard, Deep water resources, Most recently Eversource Supervisor in New England
- Knowledgeable of Eversource programs.
- Vast experience in anything that produces energy, regulatory/commission/codes
- Clean energy experience? Carbon footprint resources and more recently cleaner energy (Natural gas and Hydro).

Jonathan Barry made a motion to present Cullen Ward to the select board to for appointment to the Energy Committee.

Kathleen Streck seconds the motion

Note: Vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed

OLD BUSINESS

Clyde Brown Solar Update

- Agreement and lease needs to need approved and signed in addition to approvals and signatures already captured
- To be presented at next school committee
- Then presented to select board for approvals

Transportation Survey Update

- Results are in (5 questions, 250 people responded)

- 78% of respondents would want a public transportation
 - o Would use to access additional public transportation
 - o Would use for medical appointments
 - o Would want to get to Foxboro, Boston, Natick
 - o 78% said they would pay for the service
- Bob to discuss this with Economic Development Committee to consider “1 stop” program
- Survey will be used for consideration in these discussions
- Some grants may be available for support
- Possibly MBTA, GATRA, MetroWest, or other

Green Communities Competitive Grant for FY 2022 Update

- Projects were completed (7 installations)
- Won't be using funds for Building operations training (Staffing changes in Millis)
- Should be reimbursed for work performed by late January (incentives etc.)
- What is next (i.e. FY 2023)?
 - o Questions regarding funding and project selection based on increased competition for grants
 - o There may be 1 or 2 rounds of grants this coming year
- In preparation for next round, need to review potential projects with Prism
 - o School had a fair amount of work that may be considered
- Robert to set up discussion with Prism to understand next potential projects
 - o Robert may also talk with Terry Wiggin (Director of School Finance) and John Engler (Director of Operations and Facilities) to determine school needs that may be supported by Green Communities

Net-Zero Energy (Millis Energy Master Plan) aka the Big Picture Continued Discussion.

- Robert shared general items emerging related to Net-Zero
 - o We could partner with another town or join regional efforts
 - o Will discuss with SWAP (Southwest Advisory and Planning)
 - o MAPC Net-Zero playbook shared by Robert
 - o MEI data reviewed by Robert as well. Data available is older.
- Committee: Request for committee to review the playbook before the next meeting

Solar Bylaws Update on approved solar agriculture overlay district amendment.

- The attorney general returned the bylaw paperwork to Millis on November 17, 2021. Official appeals are open for 90 days from this date. Tentative finalization in February 2022.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes from October and November meetings approval

ADJOURNMENT

Tim Farrar made a motion to adjourn
 Kathleen Streck seconded the motion
 Vote 3 in favor, 0 opposed
 Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 PM

Proposed Next Meeting: January 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM - virtual

Zoom meeting information

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