

Bristol Energy Committee 1/20/21 Meeting Notes

Present: Sally Burrell, Stephen Taylor, John McCormick, Richard Butz, Jim Quaglino

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Meeting began at 7:10pm

1. Public Comment
2. Presentation of the **Green Peak Solar** project by Nathaniel Vandal and Chris Chadwell.
 - The project has been approved to participate in **Vermont's Standard Offer Program** as the highest ranked applicant.
 - The project includes a 2.2 MW solar array of single-axis tracker panels and lithium ion battery storage. The objective of the program is to encourage the most cost effective projects, that is, those that will generate the lowest cost per kilowatt hour.
 - This is described as a "wholesale" project through which the electricity generated is distributed through the entire Vermont grid.
 - The solar project will generate approximately \$12K annually in property taxes and an undetermined amount in school taxes. The battery storage is expected to generate additional income to the town.
 - The project will require little of the Town in services, no water, no septic or sewer.
3. Discussion:
 - A question arose regarding the impact of the project on Bristol's Energy Plan and whether it would apply to Bristol's part of Vermont's 90/50 targets. Sally will verify its application with Andrew at the Regional Planning Commission.
 - A question arose regarding the siting on a parcel of land that is not listed as one of Bristol's "preferred solar sites." Sally will check with the planning commission on this.
 - Richard offered a motion, seconded by John that we communicate a favorable review to the Selectboard.
 - Discussion ensued regarding community priorities for parcels such as this one. The project will tie it up for at least 25 - 30 years. Would it be more suited for another use? We'll research this.
 - The Motion was tabled pending further review.
4. The meeting ended at 8:00pm.