



ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD
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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
 THURSDAY, May 27, 2014
 7:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. A Meeting of the Energy Improvement District Board was called to order at 6:31 pm. The following members were in attendance: Jeffrey A Boulrice, Thomas Aitkin, Dr. Kunz and Mark St. Germaine, along with John D. Ward, Town Administrator. Elmar Alikhanov was absent

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. There was no discussion of Old Business items.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation by Mr. Roger Smith, Clean Water Action/ Clean Water. Mr. Smith and the Board discussed the following topics:
- i. Municipal Solar : Virtual Net Metering / ZREC program
 1. School / Town Roofs
 2. Parking Lots Roofs
 3. Large plots of land like a landfill or brownfield that has no other productive use and is under the Town control
 4. The Virtual Net Metering fund for the entire state is capped at \$ 10 Million. – so this is not recommended as the only solar option.
 - ii. Microgrid Program
 - iii. Benchmarking / Building Energy Audits
 1. Mr. Smith recommended that the Board look at the work done by the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern State University in Willimantic. Run by Lyn Stoddard.
 - iv. CPACE
 - v. Funding
 1. New England Grassroots Environment Fund – small grants \$ 500 to \$ 2,500. Needs projects.



5. Projects for EIDB

- a. The Board discussed possible projects. Tom Aitkin submitted a handout of possible projects which he drafted.
 - i. Benchmarking. Member Tom Aitkin is interested in this.
 - ii. CPACE
 1. Along with Vernon's Economic Developer - Chairmen Boulrice is interested in this.
 - iii. 100kW Solar Program. Chairmen Boulrice is interested in this and will look into.
 1. E. Hartford and Enfield did this with carports.
 - iv. The utilization of Hydro power.
 - v. Fuel Cell Energy. Dr. Kunz has a contact with them and would like them to come present to the Board.
 - vi. Renovation of Sewer Treatment Plant with CHP
 1. Dr. Kunz is also in favor of this. Plant may be able to switch to anaerobic CEFIA has incentive for that.
 - vii. Standalone power to operate Stop and Shop, gas stations and pharmacy during a large outage.
 - viii. Micro-grid serving Middle School, police station, ER and Fire Department in the Vernon Center.

6. INFORMATION

- a. Chairmen Boulrice passed out a copy of a May 22, 2014 JI article on SW council creating an energy panel.
- b. Email from JW to Board regarding information from COST on Municipal Solar programs.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next meeting will be a special meeting on or about July 10.