

**Town of La Pointe
Energy Committee
August 27, 2019**

Members present: Larry Bean, Chair; Zach Montagne, Nick Montano and Glenn Carlson
Members absent: Robin Trinko-Russell
Town Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Town Administrator
Public present: Jim Peters
Laura Malwitz – Siemens via Speakerphone

1. Call to order

The Energy Committee meeting was called to order by Larry Bean, Chair on Tuesday August 27, 2019 at 10:02 am.

A quorum of the committee is present as shown by members listed above.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Minutes of the following Energy Committee meeting to be considered for approval:

A. July 30, 2019

Motion by Glenn, second by Zach to approve the July 30, 2019 Energy Committee minutes as presented. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

4. Appoint Chair/Vice-Chair

Motion by Glenn, second by Zach to appoint Larry Bean as Chair

Motion by Glenn, second by Nick to appoint Zach Montagne as Vice Chair

All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

5. Laura Malwitz, Business Development Manager, Siemens

Laura gave an overview of where they are at in our project.

- They've created a list of questions for Xcel Energy – which were asked by Larry & Nick while they were in Madison.
 - Xcel said they needed more information from Siemens as far as microgrid design & structure.
 - Question on whether a customer can share and trade energy in WI was no.
- They are still looking at background information
- Next step is to have a conference call with: Lauren Azar; Attorney and possibly the Chief Counsel of the Public Service Commission before another meeting with Xcel Energy

Larry asked about when is this project going to cost us money. ~~Lauren~~ Laura said the discovery phase is done at no cost, which is where they are now. If it is possible to do a project (build), then they would enter into an agreement with the Town for services for design and engineering.

6. MRF Operational Analysis

Lisa stated the Town Board has a workshop scheduled to review the Operation Analysis and decide how they want to proceed.

7. Status of Fire Hall Plans

- Lisa went over next scheduled meeting dates and timeline.
- Larry spoke with Northwind about ballasted racking system on the closed landfill. They will need information from Five Bugles on electrical load.
- Discussion about using Fire Hall as an emergency shelter for community.

8. Madison Trip Report

- Larry and Nick met with:
 - Lauren Azar – counsel for Renew Wisconsin
 - Dept. of Energy Island Resiliency project – will get more information for us.
 - She will work with us as a consultant not an attorney to save the Town money. She did not give Larry her fees yet.
 - Deb Irwin – Xcel Energy
 - They had a good meeting and went over information covered at conference call before the last meeting.
 - Megan Levy – State Energy Office
 - There should be some funding opportunities in 2020 for the maintenance facilities at the airport and sanitary district.
 - Megan gave information to Larry for possible Electric Vehicle Charging station funding.
- They did not meet with the DNR but Larry contacted them via phone with positive feedback about putting a solar array on the closed landfill. The Town would have to apply for an DNR exemption for the landfill and pay a \$550 application fee. They said they would look to see if there are any grants available for us to put a demonstration site on the island.
- They did not meet with the Bureau of Aeronautics.
- Discussion on Xcel letting us distribute power from one parcel to another.

9. Three Year Budget Recommendation

Larry suggested the Energy Committee continue to ask for \$2,000 per year. This would not include any fees charged by Lauren Azar for consulting work.

10. Set next meeting and agenda.

Conference call with Laura and Lauren will be scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2019
Next meeting to be determined after conference call.

11. Adjourn.

Motion by Nick, second by Glenn to adjourn. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant.
Minutes approved as corrected. Errors struck through, corrections italicized November 4, 2019.
Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant