

5/26/15 Westport Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

The Tuesday 5/26/15 meeting of the Energy Committee in the Selectmen's Conference Room was called to order by Chairman Tony Connors at 7:02 PM. Other members present were Mike Sullivan, Karl Daxland, Ed Goldberg, Max Kohlenberg, and Walter Barnes. Absent were John Ciccotelli and Leo Brooks.

The discussion for this meeting centered around the Power Management proposal for developing a solar farm at the landfill site on Hix Bridge Road. All the background work would be done by Power Management at no cost to the town. This includes an RFP and finding an out-of-town municipality to sign up for the energy credits. The income to Westport would be from the leasing fee. Power Management would manage the project and all the costs would be passed on to the developer.

Chairman Connors reported that Power Management has brokered a large number of energy deals including contracts in eastern Massachusetts. The Board of Selectmen will have to vote on this proposal which they intend to do this spring. If the vote is positive, then Power Management will need a letter of authorization from the Board of Selectmen.

The project has the full support of the Energy Committee members present.

Chairman Connors mentioned that letters of reappointment would be forthcoming from the Board of Selectmen for all current members who plan on continuing on the Committee. The Committee discussed the idea of reducing the number of members hoping for a quorum at all meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.