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Meeting Minutes 3/26/14

Attendees: B. Smith, E. Broadbent, J. Elkind, D. Fay, F. Hodgkins, S. Matson, B. Sullebarger

Location: Old Library 8 PM

	Meeting Discussion/Status
Minutes	The meeting minutes of 2/12/14 and 2/26/14 were approved 3-0-1 (Jim Elkind abstained).
Town Energy Project Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Center Fire Station – David has reviewed the lighting radio interference with the installer, Prism Lighting who is going to investigate the issue. 2. Hildreth House – Steve suggested that based on the current renovation plans there is a need for energy systems/envelope retrofit that could be a future GC grant project. 3. Water Equipment Efficiency DOER Grants – There is an open grant opportunity for sewer plant equipment. A request should be made to Chris Ashley to determine what possible modifications.
Schools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schools Energy Survey – Survey results update is pending. This will be especially helpful to determine the cause of higher recent energy use at the schools. 2. Bromfield Lighting Project – Brian to contact Guardian to modify the project to reduce costs, including reviewing other technologies. 3. School Roof Solar Projects – During a discussion about future Green Community grants, we questioned capacity for additional panels on HES or Bromfield. It was agreed that this should be pursued.
Other Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Net Metering Credit Purchase Agreement – Steve provided an update on the two projects being reviewed by Soltus and Solterra (St. Joseph's Abbey). Both projects are under review. Steve explained his concern about the Soltus deal. It is very attractive financially but there are several red flags about the developer owner, Andrew Barron Worden. Steve led the debate about whether to recommend the project to the BOS or not based on the concerns. The subcommittee has proposed modifying the contract to address the concerns. Town Counsel will review the deal and the negotiation will continue with Soltus with the Town consultant, John Shortsleeve. Other actions are to reach out to other developers in case this falls through. It was noted that since this is a SREC1 project, it will be more attractive than future SREC2 projects.