

## COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION MEETING

May 1, 2019

7:00 PM

Scituate Public Library

### **I. Call to Order:**

- a. Lisa Bertola called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
- b. In attendance: Lisa Bertola, Lisa Scanlon, Scott Greenbaum, Gerard (Gerry) Kelly, William (Bill) Chapman, Kathleen (Kathy) Cerruti, James (Jamie) Fessenden
- c. Agenda accepted as written.

### **II. Reading of CCA Articles**

- a. Kathy read Articles 13 and 14 from the November 2018 Special Town Meeting to the Committee.
- b. Lisa B provided a summary of Article 13. Discussion ensued about the Committee's authority with respect to broker procurement.
- c. Discussion ensued about the Committee's role in implementing and facilitating an approved program. It was decided that the Committee would ask the brokers when they present to the Committee.
- d. Discussion jumped to conducting an informal broker RFI versus using the Metropolitan Area Planning Council selection process, resulting in Good Energy, from 2018.
- e. Article 14 – discussion and questions about the Charitable Deduction language. Scott clarified for all. We will confirm Scott's feedback through a broker.

### **III. Committee Objectives**

- a. A majority of the Committee questioned where our role begins and ends. We were reminded that we have one-year terms as Committee members.
- b. A Motion was made and passed for our objectives to be:
  - i. We are here to begin the CCA process, choose the broker, create a non-binding proposal and recommendation of a broker to develop a plan that integrates cost savings with an increase in renewables.
  - ii. Assist in the implementation of CCA until the contract is executed.
- c. Jamie reminded us that these Objectives are as stated for today and may be amended at a future date.

### **IV. Timeline of Objectives**

- a. Meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> with each of the brokers. Tentatively choose the broker.
- b. Develop our plan with the broker.

- c. Present our plan to the BOS.

**V. Discussion on Broker Procurement through MAPC or RFP**

- a. Only real options are Peregrine and Good Energy. Colonial does not appear to solicit renewable energy options.
- b. Gerry recommended we have Peregrine and GoodEnergy present to the Committee.
- c. All agreed that we should have both brokers present to the Committee in order to educate us (and not necessarily have to go the RFP route). We will confirm if the CCA process is exempt from formal procurement rules; Lisa recalls that it is.
- d. All agreed that the brokers are in the business of Futures Buying
- e. Kathy noted that GoodEnergy **partners with** Town officials in its communication. It is agreed that we need to ask both vendors what they offer with respect to communication and outreach.
- f. Gerry recommended that if we decide we need to go the formal RFP route, Nancy Holt should be invited to the relevant Committee meeting. All agreed.
- g. A Motion was made to: invite GoodEnergy and Peregrine to present to us in the next 30 days. All were in favor.
  - i. 30 minute presentation by each, including Q and A.
  - ii. Asking both to come on May 15<sup>th</sup>. One at 6:45 PM and one at 7:30 PM.
  - iii. Lisa B will reach out to each broker to schedule.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Gerry asked: Can we have an agreement from each broker that we design our solution with a provision that the standard rate will never be higher than the basic rate? Protect us against rates volatility?
  - i. All agreed that we need broker clarification on what safety nets are in place if, for some reason, the cost of Renewables increase.
- b. Contract discussions ensued. Bill and Scott shared a plethora of information based on their extensive experience in the energy field.
- c. Next meeting scheduled for May 15, 2019, 6:30 PM, in the Scituate Public Library.

**VII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM.**