

Summary for Walpole EDIC Meeting, held on December 11, 2012 at the Walpole Room of the Walpole Public Library

Attendees:

Bernie Goba, EDIC
Richard Shields, EDIC
Leo McCormack, EDIC
Roger Mann, EDIC
Gary Meyer, Atlantic Environmental
Toivo Lamminen, Atlantic Environmental
Tony Johnson, Turning Mill Energy
Michael Joyce, Turning Mill Energy

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Mark Resnick, EDIC
Stephanie Mercandetti,
Town of Walpole
Robin Chapell, Town of Walpole
Michael Boynton, Town of Walpole

Agenda Items:

- Approval of Minutes September October 23, 2012 meeting
- Presentation of Turning Mill Energy
- Discussion of Response to EPA Request for Decision on Siting and Construction of Water Treatment Facility Out-building
- Old Business/New Business

Meeting Summary:

Minutes of October 23, 2012 meeting approved.

At the suggestion of Toivo Lamminen of Atlantic Environmental, the EDIC listened to a presentation by the firm Turning Mill Energy, a development firm with experience in PV solar installations in Massachusetts. Michael Joyce and Tony Johnson described their business model of developing a photovoltaic panel array with a site host on vacant land or rooftop, entering into a power purchase agreement and selling energy to the site host or designated energy customer. If surplus energy were to be generated, then it could be sold to a local grid-based electrical utility. As a means of explaining the business model a case was presented involving Cape Cod Community College.

The EDIC asked about potential applicability of the Blackburn & Union Privileges site. Turning Mill Energy noted that a feasibility study would have to be performed before any conclusions could be drawn, but there is technology available to install an array without making soil penetrations.

There was preliminary discussion about generation capacity, economic life of the system, and potential income. There were rough estimations in the \$40,000 per year level of income, but it was too early to begin relying on estimates prior to a feasibility analysis.

After the Turning Mill Energy presentation, there was discussion about providing a formal response to the EPA's recent request for feedback on the proposal to site and construct a water treatment facility (approx. 50' x 75' building footprint) on the west side of South Street. It was determined that a letter would be written explaining the EDIC's reservations about committing to any actions that would reduce the capacity to develop the property, especially in view of earlier steps taken by the EPA at the site.

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At the very least, it was suggested that the EDIC be more fully informed as to the reason for a water treatment facility, the process of sizing the facility, and the exploration of other options prior to generating a request to site a 50' x 75' foot building on a remaining portion of developable land.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Roger P. Mann, EDIC Clerk