

Marbletown ECC Meeting, 1/25/19  
MINUTES

Attending: Doug Adams, Iris Bloom, Tom Konrad, Amy Moses, Jason Zimmerman

Guests: Hugo Jule, Melinda McKnight, Bill McKnight, Paul McMenemy, Alison Stewart, John Pfeiffer

Minutes submitted by Amy Moses

1. Solar at Ridgewell Fitness Center: The ECC voted in favor of the solar project, that we believe the solar proposal as presented to us would be a net positive for the environment. The project consists of rooftop, carport as well as ground mounted solar. All Marbletown electric meters will be able to connect to this new solar array. The tree clearing for solar, per the Marbletown code, is limited to 20% of the lot.
  - a. Additional aspects of the project include: additional gravel parking area for town and Ridgewell use and a bike trail connector.Official statement on the proposal: "The ECC has considered the plans for the Ridgewell Solar installation, and have concluded that 1) The proposal conforms with the spirit of the Town's Solar Law and we believe it would be in compliance if the parcel were zoned R-1. We also believe that this proposal is a net positive for the environment. Factors that we consider environmentally friendly are 1) The improved walkability and bikeability of Marbletown that the proposed trail will bring; 2) the parking lot expansion will be gravel or some other permeable surface 3) valuable native plants along the trail will be retained where feasible 4) vegetative screening and planting around the panels will be done with native and pollinator friendly plants 5) The parking area expansion will include underground conduit which will allow for the low cost expansion of the electric vehicle charging there at a future date 6) the sensitivity to land use shown by the inclusion of roof mounted solar and solar parking lot awnings."
2. Additional Marbletown Solar: Building and ground mounted solar is to be installed at the High Falls water building for a community solar array. Additional proposals are in the works for the Highway Department, Old Town Hall and the Transfer Station. These will be a rental type contract, where the town would receive rental income from the arrays.
3. Solarize: The ECC voted in favor of participating in another Solarize campaign along with assistance from Sustainable Hudson Valley (SHV). SHV will choose the installers (residential only), coordinate a web presence, manage the sign up, coordinate a launch event/solar tour and provide poster templates. We are looking at a launch event of a Clean Power Expo in early June at the Marbletown Community Center.
4. Marbletown Community Center Remodel:
  - a. Two proposals were provided – Malcarne Contracting and Energy Conservation Specialists, LLC. Employees of both companies presented their proposals and members of the ECC asked questions.
  - b. Amy was tasked with reviewing the proposals and asking follow up questions.
  - c. The proposals were similar, although Malcarne can do the earthwork and structural work necessary to redirect the water and shore up the building.
  - d. ECS will be hired for the lighting retrofit. This will be reviewed at a future ECC meeting.
  - e. Tom will present the two proposals to the Town Board, ECC to then decide on a contractor and a finalized proposal/work scope is to be provided.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:25 pm.