

# TOWN OF GRANBY

## Intra-Board Advisory Committee Special Meeting

June 2, 2015

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** B. Scott Kuhnly, First Selectman; Ronald Walther, Board of Education Chairman; Jenny Emery (BOE), Ed Ohannessian (BOS), Kelly Rome (BOF).  
Ex-officio Members – William F. Smith, Jr., Town Manager; and Alan Addley, Superintendent of Schools;

**OTHER:** Alex Fox, Commercial Sales Manager, C-Tec Solar and Josh Caley, Commercial Sales, C-Tec Solar

B. Scott Kuhnly, First Selectman, called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Ohannessian, seconded by Mr. Walther, to approve the minutes of May 5, 2015. First Selectman Kuhnly asked if there was any discussion of the minutes.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

### PRESENTATION BY C-TEC SOLAR

Ms. Emery introduced the C-Tec Solar representatives (Alex Fox and Josh Caley). Mr. Caley gave a background history of the company. He stated the company was founded in 1976. Some of the projects this company has been involved with are choice installer for eight (8) municipalities under the state's innovative solarize program, ZREC funding, and experience in solar project finance (power purchase agreement (PPA) with the International Skating Center in Simsbury, CT). Currently, the company is engaged in the execution of a PPA for solar systems to be located on municipal buildings in the towns of Mansfield and Hampton, CT.

C-Tec is developing a 2.4MW solar farm which will produce approximately 3.2M kWh annually. They are proposing to sell this electricity through Virtual Net Metering (VNM) to a town at a decreased rate. Essentially, this remote solar farm's electricity is added into the electric grid and applied to the town's electric bill. There will be no maintenance regarding the solar panels or aesthetics to deal with since this solar farm it is not located in Granby.

A discussion was held regarding the nuts and bolts of the PPA and what benefits the town may receive. Some highlights were:

- The virtual net metering program dollars have been expended for the current period for any municipality now interested. C-TEC Solar has an application in already, just needing a PPA client to sign on.
- A quick outline was given regarding buyer is under tariff rates, credit is at a monetary value determined by a tariff in Thomaston, CT (Rate #1), town can do a PPA rate (starts at 0.082) with 2% inflation rate per year or set PPA rate (0.098) with no inflation. The PPA rate is a combination of generation and transmission charges. Excess electricity can be returned to the utility or sell or exchange to any other buyer.

- Up to ten (10) electricity accounts can be applied to the PPA. Typically, one account for one building.
- There is no specific timeline date for C-Tec Solar to enter into a PPA, however, other municipalities are being approached for the same PPA being offered.
- The PPA is a 20 year contract. There is a penalty in place if terminated before 20 years.
- The electric production is guaranteed and if not produced, the Green Bank (state agency) will provide the difference.

The C-Tec Solar representatives left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

The Committee indicated further review of this program is necessary. C-Tec Solar will provide the PPA for review by the town.

## **FURTHER DISCUSSION ON JOINT PURCHASING, FINANCE OPERATIONS, PENSION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCIES**

### Pension

Town Manager Smith and Superintendent Addley distributed their pension survey outline of surrounding towns. Bargaining in the pension section of a contract deals with a lot more components than just the pension and there is a lot of sensitivity issues involved commented Town Manager Smith. The consensus of the Committee was to invite the firm of Milliman to a meeting to further discuss pension benefits.

### Finance

Mrs. Rome reported on a meeting with Blum Shapiro & Company that Finance members attended regarding finance operations as one unit. The combining of school and town finance operations may be beneficial in that it shows one report, the public views it as one unit; however, this change will not come at a cost savings. A savings can be realized by cross training of employees so that absent employees do not defer check production. Blum Shapiro & Company will be invited to attend a meeting to further discuss the combining of school and town finance operations.

### Energy Efficiencies

Superintendent Addley distributed the school's energy usage history report.

## **CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next special meeting of the Intra-Board Advisory Committee is June 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Manager's Conference Room. Another meeting for July 7, 2015 was also scheduled.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION** by Mr. Ohannessian, seconded by Mrs. Rome, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia I. Chieski  
Recording Secretary