



FINANCE, ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Council Chambers B, Keene City Hall
June 22, 2023
6:00 PM

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Solar Generation Facilities - Revision Energy Letter of Intent
2. Councilor Filiault - Proposing Referendum Question on Municipal Ballot - Preferred Design Alternative - Downtown Infrastructure Improvement and Reconstruction Project
3. Councilors Williams and Chadbourne - Request for Public Forum - Effective Use of Opioid Settlement Funds

B. MORE TIME ITEMS

NON PUBLIC SESSION

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CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

ITEM #A.1.

Meeting Date: June 22, 2023

To: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

From: Kurt Blomquist, ACM/Public Works Director

Through: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager

Subject: **Solar Generation Facilities - Revision Energy Letter of Intent**

Recommendation:

Move that the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee recommend that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to negotiate and execute a Letter of Intent with Revision Energy for solar energy generation facilities on City-owned property at the Monadnock View Cemetery, Rose Lane, and Dillant-Hopkins Airport along with assessing the potential provision of electric vehicle and aircraft charging infrastructure at the Dillant-Hopkins Airport.

Attachments:

None

Background:

In 2019, the City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking qualifications and development proposals for the design, construction, and operation of solar generation facilities on City-owned property at the Dillant-Hopkins Airport. The RFP had two phases. Phase one was the construction of a 1 MW solar generation facility that would provide power through a Power Purchase Agreement to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The second phase was for the construction of a 1.2+ MW solar generation facility that potentially could provide power to users at the airport and users located off the airport property.

Received proposals were evaluated and Revision Energy was selected. The City negotiated a Letter of Intent (LOI) that covered both phases. During the negotiation, due to regulatory constraints, the City and Revision Energy were unable to move forward with the Phase II concept of a larger solar generation facility. The City ultimately negotiated and executed a Power Purchase Agreement for a 1 MW generation system to support the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Since the negotiation and execution of the first phase there have been regulatory changes in the state that would now allow for the construction of a solar generation facility of over 1 MW where the power could be used by users outside the community boundaries where the generation facility is located. Revision Energy has been working with staff to identify potential sites for additional solar facilities. Revision Energy and City staff have identified several sites that could provide additional opportunities for solar generation. The sites include an area in the Monadnock View Cemetery near the maintenance facility, an area at the former wastewater treatment facility on Rose Lane and two areas at the Dillant-Hopkins Airport. Along with the provision of electrical energy at the Airport, the

Airport Director is interested in providing electric charging infrastructure for vehicles and aircraft. The Airport Director believes that this infrastructure would increase interest in the airport for development and attract aircraft technology companies. Revision Energy has experience with the provision of electrical charging infrastructure and is very interested in this concept at the airport.

The next step is for the development and signing of a LOI with Revision Energy. This would allow Revision Energy access to the identified City property for additional work. It would also provide an assurance that if any of the sites can provide the identified generation capacity, the City would work with Revision Energy on an implementation agreement.

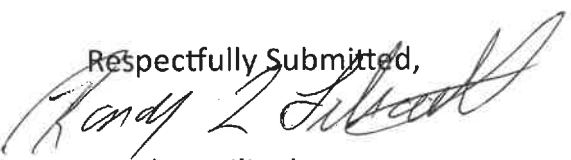
June 13, 2023

To the Mayor and City Council:

Being that the proposal for the Downtown renovation is such a controversial topic and that it impacts such a high percentage of our tax paying residents, I hereby propose any future discussions of the project be halted until a vote of Keene residents is held on a non-binding resolution on the upcoming November 2023 Municipal ballot. Accordingly, we'll then have a more accurate vote on how Keene residents feel about the Downtown project.

I suggest only two questions be asked:

1. Do you feel the current proposal of the Keene MSFI Committee recommending minor changes be upheld?
2. Do you feel major changes to Keene Central Square/Main Street should be implemented?

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy L. Filiault
Keene City Councilor

June 13, 2023

City of Keene Clerk's Office
3 Washington St
Keene, NH 03431

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,

With the settlement of lawsuits against companies responsible for instigating the opioid crisis, financial resources are now available in our city and at the state level to put toward projects aimed at preventing overdose deaths.

As a City Council, we will need to make decisions about how to spend the money that the city is receiving as part of the settlement, and we will need to understand how the City can benefit from grants available from the state-level pool of funds. We also need to ensure that our efforts take place in coordination with those of other organizations in the region, including the County, as well as various local social service organizations engaged in the work of overdose prevention.

Further, as the Council considers these things, we must listen closely to the voices of members of our community who have been personally affected by substance use and overdose, who are in the best position to understand the reality of the challenge we have before us. That challenge is to save lives.

To that end, we – Councilors Williams and Chadbourne – are requesting that the City sponsor a community discussion on our response to the overdose crisis. This would be a public forum, at an appropriate venue and in concert with appropriate partners, and we hope that all City Councilors will attend.

Sincerely,

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Bobby Williams
City Councilor, Ward 2

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Bettina Chadbourne
City Councilor, At Large