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SELECTBOARD**

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2020 Solar Committee Charter

Purpose

The Selectboard has chartered the 2020 Solar Committee to research options and viability for the use of solar on town buildings and/or land. The committee is expected to report back findings and recommendations by the end of October, so any funding requirements for 2021 can be included in the budget process.

The committee's charter will end at the conclusion of the March 2021 town meeting. All committee meetings will be noticed and minutes taken consistent with RSA 91-A.

Organization

The committee will be comprised of seven voting members:

- One Selectboard member
- One Finance Committee member
- SAU Business Administrator
- Four at-large residents

Scope of Work

The committee will focus on the following tasks:

- Elect a chair, vice-chair and secretary
- Identify resources to contact for information on solar, including for municipal projects:
 - Solar companies
 - State resources
 - NH towns with demonstrated success on solar projects
 - Potential grant programs
- Contact identified resources and document information that is shared
- Research grant opportunities
- Research the various forms of solar (i.e., electricity, hot water) to determine the optimal approach should Brookline pursue it

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- Collect information on size, timing, expected payback of recent municipal solar projects
 - Include information on why each municipality decided to pursue the project it did over other potential options
- Research alternatives for financing/leasing/owning solar infrastructure
 - Develop pros and cons list for each alternative
- Consult with the fire department to understand the department's growing concerns with roof-mounted solar systems
- Coordinate/share information on a regular basis with the DPW building committee in the event a solar opportunity exists for that facility (ground-mounted)
- Solicit input from residents
- Document findings and recommendations in a report to the Selectboard by the end of October
 - Recommendations must consider estimated payback/return on investment
- Should funding for solar be pursued in 2021, assist the Board in preparing for town meeting
 - Assist in gaining support for the project and its required funding

Committee charter originally adopted on June 15, 2020. Charter amended to expand membership to four at-large members on June 29, 2020.

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