



**Village of Cambridge**  
**ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**Amundson Community Center, 200 Spring St**  
**Community Room**  
**Monday, May 24, 2021 5:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED 6.15.2021**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to order/Roll Call:** Wyatt Rose called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Mark McNally, Ted Kumbier, Jeff Milsap and Wyatt Rose. Others present: Lisa Moen, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer, Chuck Franklin, Dean Lund, Roxy Engelstad, Mark Weiss and Dan Litchfield, Invenergy.
2. **Proof of Posting:** Agenda was posted on the upper and lower-level doors of the Amundson Community Center, Hometown Bank, Cambridge Post Office, and the Village website.
3. **Public Comment:**
  - a. Dean Lund would like to put his name forward to be a member of the subcommittee. He is a resident of the Village as well as a business owner. He has attended all of the previous meetings.
  - b. Dan Litchfield from Invenergy would like to work with the Village. There was brief discussion regarding the Smart Growth Plan and housing market. Looking to begin the project in 2024, looking at projected growth over the next 25-50 years.
  - c. Chuck Franklin commented on the current housing market and growth. Since 2000, the Woodhaven subdivision, winery development, distillery, Canterbury area have all been constructed. We have expanded roughly a mile on our south west, north and north west borders. As we are landlocked on our other sides, this is where growth will continue.
  - d. Roxy Engelstad has respectfully declined submitting her name as a member of the subcommittee. PSC applications are complete as of May 16<sup>th</sup> so the 180 day review period has begun. Not only should the Village be concerned about growth, but also hazard conditions with battery facilities so close to the Village and our schools – danger of explosions and fire.
4. **Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2021:** Kumbier made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by McNally. Motion carried.
5. **Appointment of Public Member to Subcommittee:** Roxy Engelstad has withdrawn her name. Jim Womble, Ed VanRavenstein, Michael Rehak and Dean Lund are all interested in serving. When the subcommittee was established, it was with members that were village residents. Jim Womble, who is not a village resident, would also be representing the School Board. There was discussion regarding if it would be more appropriate to have him as a non-voting liaison between the subcommittee and the School Board. Rose will reach out to him and Superintendent Nikolay regarding this.

*Kumbier made a motion, seconded by McNally to recommend Dean Lund as a public member of the subcommittee. Motion carried.*

6. **Intervener Letter:** Now that the PSC has accepted the application, it would be appropriate to send in the letter. Milsap questioned if we should quote the statutes rather than just paraphrase them. Christiana has submitted one, which is on the PSC website. The Village Board has approved the letter and sending it out. Moen will send the letter out.

- 7. Convene into Closed Session** per Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Proposed Solar Project: *McNally made a motion to convene into closed session per Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Proposed Solar Project, seconded by Kumbier. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Entered closed session at 5:25 p.m.*
- 8. Reconvene into open session:** *Kumbier made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by McNally. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Reconvened into open session at 6:20 p.m.*
- 9. Possible Action Taken on Closed Session Items:** *Rose made a motion to recommend to the Village Board that we begin negotiations with our fellow municipalities and Koshkonong Solar in an effort to support our neighboring communities, the Village of Cambridge's long-term growth outlined by our SMART Growth Plan and renewable energy. Our focus points in these negotiations include:*
  - *Setbacks from our western and southern borders:* We suggest removing solar arrays in the area outlined by 73 to the West, PQ to the South, State Farm Rd to the North and our border to the East.
  - *Revenue Loss Reimbursement:* As Invenergy has already offered several times and as seen in the Badger Hollow agreement, they would be willing to setup a separate fund to reimburse the impacted school districts for loss tax revenue.
  - *Agreement and setback protections:* We also recommend that any agreement include a clause to protect the above two points, as well as others, through any sale of the solar project, as well as the lifecycle of the project.

*Motion seconded by Milsap. Motion carried.*
- 10. Set next meeting date:** Discussion regarding setting a fixed day to meet. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:00 was discussed. This would be prior to the Plan Commission meetings.
- 11. Questions, Referrals to Staff or Future Agenda Items:** None
- 12. Adjournment:** Kumbier made a motion to adjourn, seconded by McNally. Motion carried. Rose adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Lisa Moen, Village Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator