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RFP Subcommittee Meeting
Wilton Town Hall Room B

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Attendees: Debra Thompson-Van, Bruce Hampson, Richard Creeth and Peter Wrampe.
Also present: Lynne Vanderslice, Chris Burney, Mark Robbins of MHR Consultants,
Dwayne Escola

Minutes

1. Debra Thompson Van called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.
2. Peter Wrampe made a motion to add an item to the agenda regarding a concern of a potential conflict of interest, Richard Creeth seconded the motion, the attended WEC members approved the motion. Peter Wrampe was added to the Agenda.
3. Peter Wrampe disclosed that he was starting a new role with a manufacturer of solar panel technologies. He disclosed the solar panel manufacturer's hardware is not the equipment under consideration in the RFP and his role does not have a connection to any of the Solar RFP bidders. He was thanked for bringing that forward and he was directed to take it to the Ethics Commission for a ruling if he has a reason to believe there will be a conflict of interest in the future.
4. Debra Thompson Van opened the opportunity for Public Comment. There were no members of the public present, so no comment.
5. Lynne Vanderslice expanded upon questions she raised at the April 3rd BOS meeting around vendor ownership structure, audited financial information and the viability of the industry in light of the changes to the Investment Tax Credit and the expiration of the ZREC program. The Commission agreed to perform additional due diligence in order to further address the questions. The WEC RFP subcommittee members expressed their satisfaction with the evaluation process and the resulting rankings.

6. Debra Thompson Van agreed to engage Kingspan to get clarification on a few aspects of it's proposal.
7. Richard Creeth agreed to take an action to create a chart that shows the long term outlook of the Solar Industry and the projections of how the ITC will affect the Industry Vendor's health.
8. There was discussion about future energy prices from vendors like transcanada and eversource. Dwayne Escola shared the financial savings model he had previously created for the analysis. Mark Robbins agreed to create a simple chart, available for the Public Hearing, that would demonstrate the various components of the current electric bills, which components would benefit from solar savings (Transcanada production charges, Eversource delivery charges, Demand surcharges), and which components were used in the projected financial savings (Transcanada production charges, Eversource delivery charges).
9. Lynne Vanderslice explained how the Public Hearing on April 17 would work as it was a new process to many.
10. Debra Thompson Van opened a second opportunity for Public Comment. There were no members of the public present, so no comment.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.