

**TOWN OF THOMPSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL  
FEBRUARY 20, 2015  
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Paul Lenky, First Selectman, Kerstin Forrester, Selectman, Shaina Smith, Selectman

Kathleen Herbert, Secretary Solar Committee, Alvan Hill, Chair Solar Committee,

Noel Lafayette, SHR Energy

Meeting was called to order by Paul Lenky at 2 p.m.

Kerstin Forrester gave a brief update of Noel Lafayette's presentations to the Board of Selectmen during the first two meetings of February. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the Solar Committee members of the proposal.

Noel Lafayette provided details of the proposal:

- Federal tax credit on solar end in 3 years.
- Proposal is for SHR energy to lease the land adjoining the Thompson schools and the Town Hall and install a behind-the-meter solar array to provide power to the two facilities.
- SHR Energy would have to provide 80% of power requirements by contract
- The system will:
  - Use string inverters
  - Include rapid shutdown
  - Have external disconnects
  - Back feed not possible
  - Monitoring software so that activity can be tracked live
  - Four layers of data verification
  - Inverters replaced in 13 years
- Contract
  - SHR Energy will lease the land; a surety bond has been posted on the lease
  - Noel Lafayette recommends that we get an attorney to review the contract who is familiar with solar and/or a strong real estate attorney.
- Kathleen Herbert left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.
- Paul Lenky left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn at 3:05 M/S Shaina Smith/Kerstin Forrester, passed

Recorded and submitted,

Kerstin Forrester, Selectman