

Novus Solar Array Gets Green Light from Board

by Doug McClure

HARWICK — At the May 17 Harwick Select Board meeting, Novus got a contract from the town to provide the town with the first opportunity to receive electrical savings on a 500kW solar project that REH (Novus Energy Development) is developing in a redeveloped parcel in East Harwick.

The decision was split, with board members Staci Cousins, Elizabeth Dow and Danny Halo voting in favor; select board chair Eric Henning voting, and Lucian Avery abstaining as he thought the topic still needed more study and information.

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The project was going forward with the town. "We're going to go ahead with the project. We hope you take a benefit from it. \$10,000 might not be much a year but the estimated savings, but budgets are tight and \$10,000 is \$10,000."

"It is going to happen anyway, there's no sense in somebody else owning the money," said Dow.

Harwick Electric Department's (HEP) Mike Sullivan and T.F. Pease, Senior Power Analyst at the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) were on hand to make a case for choosing their H11 project, which has been several months over three years and is not close to being ready.

In contrast, Brodsky said that while it depends on Public Utility Commission (PUC) timelines, Novus could be ready to go in a matter of weeks.

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"I don't think there's a dead-end before us. We could go ahead and it could be beneficial. If I have to make a decision now, I'm thinking that it's better to gamble on the Novus project. It's a H11 project and that will be part of the town's future. It's a H11 project and that will be part of the town's future."

After all the vote was decided, VPPSA promised the town to make sure it crunched the numbers before committing.

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Megan Hall and the Riverside Farm stand at the first Farmers' Market of 2018. Hall used to manage a turkey crop of eggs to sell, as the farm use raises chickens. Her husband's paper sells home-made dog biscuits. Piper, owner of the proceeds from last year's sale is happy to supply.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will hold at Esplanade Mall, in Harwick on May 18. From top row to right: Karen Gionetta, Director of Harwick Junior High, Deputy of Policy and Special Projects, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Elizabeth Dow, Select Board member, Esplanade Mall, Simonette Jane Kitchin, Amy Lovinsky, Executive Director, Lamoille Housing Partnership, Elizabeth Dow, Select Board member, Esplanade Mall, Simonette Jane Kitchin, Amy Lovinsky, Executive Director, Lamoille Housing Partnership, Elizabeth Dow, Select Board member, Esplanade Mall, Simonette Jane Kitchin, Amy Lovinsky, Executive Director, Lamoille Housing Partnership.

New Housing Units Feature Vermont

by Michael Brodsky

HARWICK Friday afternoon was the ribbon cutting ceremony for 13 new modern "Vermont" mobile homes at Esplanade Mall Mobile Home Park on Maxwell Road.

Since 1970, the park has been an affordable alternative to the more expensive and older low-rise structures abundant throughout town.

Over the years, the conditions of the park have gone downhill, as older mobile units have been taken down to deteriorate.

In 1991, the Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP) took over the project, and the organization's success led to 25 new units over the next two years. Two of these new Vermont homes described as "high-quality, energy zero energy modular homes."

The program initiated by the LHP and Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

Because the town of Harwick qualifies as an economically stressed (REAP) zone, the USDA Rural Development organization was able to secure \$1,442,000 to support the project. In all, \$2.4 million was secured from a combination of state organizations.

Jim Lusk, executive director of the Lamoille Housing Partnership, has been on the helm of the project since its inception. He coordinated all the different parties involved in making it happen.

"The town we had together really well together and we supported each other, publicized it really well, and that's why we have this fabulous neighborhood here now with these wonderful homes on it," he said.

Key organizers and funders included the USDA Rural Development, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), Vermont Housing Finance Agency, the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, TD Charitable Foundation, the Vermont State Employees Credit Union, and others.

Select board chair Eric Henning said he is proud to have the project. He said he is proud to have the project. He said he is proud to have the project.



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Great Mountain Recreation & Career Center students Kyle Johnson (left) of Coleraine and the crew captain, during Spring Forestry Games held May 17 in Adams Field in Harwick.

Special Education Reading Program to Debut in Harwick

by Michael Brodsky

HARWICK — A special reading program will be piloted at Harwick Elementary School next year.

The program is based on scientific research on how the human brain comprehends words and sounds during the reading process.

Blair Podhajski, 30, president of the Vermont Literacy Center for Language and Learning in Williston further explained the program in an interview.

"We hope to advance the community and the culture within Harwick Elementary, together with the administration, the local- and state-level teachers, and everyone involved for improving outcomes for learners."

Oman said the Stern Center has an existing relationship with the Orleans Stannard Supervisory Union and so to have the pilot in Harwick was a natural fit.

Teachers and other staff members will participate in the Literacy Program over the summer, an online course. "This will be a pre-teacher training with other teachers and coaches, and in-classroom observations."

"We need something with a longer shelf life that [is] grounded in scientific research."

She said this new approach, which was studied at Stanford University, focuses on the fundamental skills in the initial progression of the program, which will include, and ultimately encompass the program.

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Farmers' Market Kicks off With Good Weather

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HARWICK — Under sunny skies and temperatures of sixty-two degrees, the Harwick Farmers' Market launched its 2018 season on Friday May 18.

Over twenty vendors offered their products. A crowd of over 150 visited the market, according to the Center for an Agricultural Economy's (CAE) Bethany Dunbar.

"We recognize it is a lot earlier to get local produce than it used to be," she said. "So we planned events to increase community participation in the market."

The market will also hold a "Market on Main" during the summer, which will be on Main Street in the Village.

"I haven't seen an opening this long in a long time," said Crutcher. "The weather's better."

The 2017 Farmers' Market were frequently frustrated by rain and gloomy weather, that depressed turnout, she said.

She said for 2018 the market will have many more events, including free workshops, entertainment, and an afterglow party set for the Summer Solstice on June 22 with extended hours to 7 p.m. and Calais's Sparta offering drinks.

"After events scheduled for May 25, 26 and 27, including the weekly open market on Saturday 14, the Kingsford Farm & Food Days will be on August 13 this year."

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