



To Executive Committee of Sustainable Westchester

Fr: Leo Wiegman, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director’s Report for meeting on June 17, 2015

June 16, 2015

1) Administration

- a) Comptroller function
 - i) Village of Ossining has agreed to have Village Manager Abe Zambrano serve as Comptroller.
 - ii) Paychex is in use for employee payroll and paying independent contractors.
 - iii) Bank will be switched from Hudson Valley to Chase for more convenient locations and banking services.

2) Finance

- a) Proposed Budget for balance of 2015 (draft attached)
 - i) As Treasurer reported, our cash on hand position as of May 31, 2015 is ~\$49,000.
 - ii) Two versions of 2015 cash flow budget are presented:
 - (1) **“No program revenue/expenses” version** shows cash flow based solely on dues and contributions.
Result: SW has ~\$53,000 on hand on 12/31/15, assuming \$34,000 in dues is paid by year end. (See tab “2015_Cash_Flow_NoProg_Projectio” in Budget workbook).
 - (2) **“Program revenue/expenses” version** shows impact on revenue and expenses of 3 programs, each of which has contracts currently being executed. See tab “Prog-Net-Income” for details and see tab “2015_Cash_Flow_Prog_Projection” for cash flow impact.
Result: SW has \$94,000 cash on hand on 12/31/15, again assuming \$34,000 in dues is paid by year end.

Net revenue by program fy 2015	*NY Prize	*Energize-EIC	*Solarize Westchester	totals
Income	\$40,000	13,333	12,833	66,167
Expenses	(18,286)	(5,967)	(2,700)	(26,952)
Net revenue	\$21,714	\$7,367	\$10,133	39,214

3) Governance

- a) Policies adopted to date
 - (1) Conflict of Interest Policy (*sign and return*)

- (2) Political Campaign Activity and Lobbying Policy
- b) Policies proposed (attached)**
 - (1) Fiscal Control and Procurement Policy (draft attached)**
 - (2) Green Purchasing Policy (draft attached)**
- c) Policies for future consideration (as appropriate)
 - (1) Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy
 - (2) Travel and Other Expense Reimbursement Policy
 - (3) Code of Ethics Policy
 - (4) Compensation, Reimbursement and Attendance Policy
 - (5) Conflict of Interest and
 - (6) Defense and Indemnification Policy
 - (7) Equal Employment Policy
 - (8) Whistleblower Policy
 - (9) Corporate Donation Policy

4) Program Development

a) Solarize Westchester

- i) Round 1 is successfully completed as of June 2015: Across the 4 community-wide campaigns, over 130 homes and businesses contracted to install solar PV systems for an aggregated 1.5 megawatt-hours of generation capacity (ahead of the targeted goals). As contractors complete these installations, they will remit a success fee to SW of \$0.02 per watt installed.
- ii) Round 2 will kick off in September through February in 4 new community campaigns. The RFI for communities is due in late June. A new RFP for solar contractors will be due in early July, with matchmaking taking place in early August.
- iii) **Timeline:** Success fee remittance from Round 2 is not expected to begin until April 2016.
- iv) **Action item:** None at this time.

b) Energize Westchester

- i) SW will be presented with a subcontract shortly from the Energy Improvement Corp (EIC) for a work scope related to assisting the Energize New York Residential program launch in up to 6 new communities in Westchester County and providing Member Services to municipalities in Westchester County that have joined the EIC.
- ii) **Timeline:** The work scope will extend for 2.5 years beginning in Q3 2015 (July) and have a total budget for SW of \$75,000 over that period for the Energize Residential launch assistance, and \$25,000 over that period for assistance in communicating with EIC members about Member Services.
- iii) **Action Item: Authorize signing of the subcontract of SW with EIC for the above work scope and revenues.**

c) NY Prize Community Microgrid Feasibility Study

- i) 7 Westchester municipalities who collaborated with SW's guidance have been awarded NY Prize Feasibility Study of circa \$80,000 in contract value each. See tab "NY Prize Awardees" in workbook for full list.

- ii) SW's work scope is budgeted at circa \$8,000 for each of these 7 studies. The work scopes all begin in July 2015 and end in February 2016.
 - iii) SW's role will be education and communication among stakeholders across different studies, as well as technical assistance on monetizing the value components of the microgrid components and capacities.
 - iv) **Timeline:** July 2015-February 2016.
 - v) **Action Item: Authorize the signing of the subcontracts between SW and the individual lead applicants, where needed.**
- d) Municipal Solar Buyers Group**
- i) The RFP for Solar Developers was published earlier in June with the submission deadline extended to July 10, 2015. It has been sent to 200 organizations:
<http://sustainablewestchester.org/hidden-latest-news/62-municipal-solar-buyers-group>
 - ii) We received a strong response so far and have issued a detailed "Answers to Questions asked by Respondents" last week. After the RFPs are due, we anticipate narrowing down the list for a second round of responses.
 - iii) Any municipality that is not yet a member of the Buyers Group will have an opportunity to join in July. See the current list of 17 members in tab "MuniSolarBuyersGroup." We will open the membership up after we close the RFP for developers and will add any new sites to the list for a group of second round developers to respond to.
 - iv) SW is working with Advisors led by Structured Finance Solutions, a division of PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, (Ted Jenkins). The Advisors will be hiring a Solar Engineer to vet the solar proposals as the winning respondents puts them forth and Legal Counsel to review draft agreements for each site and be available to help advise the general counsel for each municipal member. Both of these work scopes will be compensated by the solar developer at the time of the settlement of the financing, at NO expense to SW.
 - v) As with Solarize Westchester, we anticipate a modest success fee will be built into the final agreement with the winning respondents as compensation to SW for its work to educate our members and aggregate the potential sites.
 - vi) **Timeline:** We anticipate that some of the smaller sites could be operational by the end of 2015, while the larger sites will come online by end of 2016.
 - vii) **Action item:** By late July, SW will be ready to reach an agreement with the winning respondent on behalf of the members of the Municipal Solar Buyers Group.
- e) Community Choice Aggregation**
- i) Over 20 SW member municipalities have had a presentation to their boards and key staff on CCA in the past 3 months.
 - ii) We have provided a draft Local Law to each of these 20 municipalities authorizing the city/town/village to opt into the program.
 - iii) Energy Procurement Sub-committee is in formation (6 experts as members to date).
 - iv) We are preparing FAQ responses aimed at both the municipalities and the potential bidders for this energy procurement process.
 - v) We are also preparing an FAQ aimed at the members of the public.
 - vi) Depending on the number of members participating, the anticipated income from a resulting Affinity Group fee remitted to SW is \$200,000+/year.
 - vii) We are exploring the benefits of bidding out both electric and natural gas simultaneously.

viii) Timeline: We need local members to adopt the Local Law before we can begin the energy procurement process.

ix) Action item: SW will continue to work with members in adopting the Local Law and explaining the CCA program.

5) Other topics

a) Guest speakers at Board of Directors meetings? Could rotate among Committee/Working group topics (Energy, Materials Management, Transportation, Water).