

South Hadley Fire District No. 2
Elmer Brook Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Meeting Time Start: 5:00 PM

-Attendance:

Jim Menard, Frank DeToma, and Linda Young

The meeting was called to order by Jim Menard @ 5:10 PM.

J. Menard reported that he recently had a conversation with SHELD General Manager Sean Fitzgerald about the possibility of working with Fire District #2 if a solar farm were to be developed. J. Menard felt that the conversation was encouraging.

J. Menard also reported that he had recently reached out to Tighe and Bond concerning the possible development of the Elmer Brook site. He has sent the firm the plot plans, physical characteristics, and the deed histories of the two Elmer Brook parcels, information about possible conservation restrictions, Article 97 language, and some case law that may or may not apply to the two parcels. Tighe and Bond will review this information.

J. Menard reported that he had met a representative of Bay State Forestry at the site. He has asked Bay State to evaluate the condition of the trees there, to provide a tree maintenance plan for the area if it is not developed, and also to provide an estimate for clearing a part of the area if it were to be developed as a solar farm. The cost of this consulting work would be \$700, he reported.

F. DeToma moved to pay Bay State Forestry \$700 for the consulting work described above. J. Menard seconded. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectively submitted,

F. DeToma
October 10, 2019.