

TOWN OF BECKET

ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: February 20, 2018

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Becket Town Hall Becket Room  
557 Main Street, Becket

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes of previous meetings.
3. Current business items:
  - a. Coop Power use of town property & Jacobs Pillow update from Bob on correspondence potential sites
  - b. Verify updated information on town website
  - c. Review municipal electricity contracts
  - d. Additional opportunities for green community grants  
Status of municipal garage energy improvements  
Status of tpwn hall heating/ac replacement
4. Any other business to come before the Committee.
  - i. Discuss possibility of town aggregation program
  - ii. 100% Renewable Energy Summit (see below)
5. Confirm next Meeting date –Mar 20, 2018. 3:30 PM
6. Adjourn

## **100% Renewable Energy Summit**

Monday March 5th, 2018

Berkshire Community College  
Berkshire Communities Green Network  
Berkshire Environmental Action Team  
350 MA Berkshires  
MASSPIRG Students  
Environment Massachusetts Research & Policy Center

Our reliance on dirty energy is polluting our communities and changing our climate. Air pollution from fossil fuels, like oil and gas, contributes to asthma, cardiovascular disease, and other health problems in children and adults. We are already seeing the effects of global warming, including flooding, extreme storms, and heat waves, and scientists expect these impacts could become much worse if we don't move quickly to transition away from fossil fuels towards clean energy.

The good news is that we have alternatives. We can power our society with clean, renewable energy. By shifting our electric grid to renewable sources like solar and wind, making our homes and businesses more efficient and repowering our heating and transportation systems with clean electricity, we can move towards 100 percent renewable energy across our entire economy.

Shifting to 100 percent renewable energy will bring many benefits to our communities — including cleaner air and water, a safer climate, stable energy prices, and growing job opportunities in the clean energy industry. At the same time, the transition away from fossil fuels will not happen overnight, and citizens and local leaders in cities and towns across Massachusetts will have to make key decisions about what a 100 percent renewable energy future will look like for their community.

To help facilitate this conversation, BEAT, 350 MA Berkshires, MassPIRG Students, and the Berkshire Communities Green Network are working with Environment Massachusetts Research & Policy Center, a statewide environmental advocacy organization, to organize a 100% Renewable Energy Summit at Berkshire Community College. We are inviting local leaders from the Berkshires and surrounding communities to join us for a dialogue about how to move our region closer to 100 percent renewable energy, and how to maximize the benefits for our environment, our economy, and all of our residents.

**WHAT:** A conversation about what 100 percent renewable energy will look like for our region, and how we can work locally to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels and realize the full benefits of clean energy for all residents and stakeholders.

**WHEN:** Mon March 5th 10-2pm

**WHERE:** Berkshire Community College, G12

**WHO:** We are expecting 30-40 local leaders, representing a broad range of constituencies and sectors in our region. We are inviting leaders from:

- local government, including elected officials and municipal staff
- state government
- regional planning agencies
- Main Street businesses, large employers, and business groups
- universities, hospitals, and other institutions
- environmental and economic justice organizations
- faith communities
- parent organizations
- and other sectors

**AGENDA:** A combination of presentations, small-group discussions, and large-group conversations. Presentation and discussion topics will likely include: how our region and

Massachusetts can achieve 100 percent renewable energy; successful examples of clean energy projects in our communities; local and regional policies to accelerate the transition to 100 percent renewable energy; and how to ensure the benefits of clean energy are shared equitably.