

Town of Becket
Energy Committee Minutes
October 23, 2013

In attendance: Committee members Alvin Blake, Cathy Defoe, Garth Klimchuk, Katherine Hoak, Robert Gross and Ex-Officio members Chris Bouchard and Ed Gibson.

Not in Attendance: Ex-officio members Bill Girard and Dan Parnell.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ed Gibson, Facilitator.

There was a brief introduction given by each member dealing with their background and what interested them about serving on the Becket Energy Committee.

Garth Klimchuk made a motion to nominate Cathy DeFoe as Chairman of the Committee, Robert Gross seconded the motion. Vote was taken and the motion passed 5 to 0.

Alvin Blake made a motion to nominate Garth Klimchuk as Vice Chairman of the Committee, Robert Gross seconded the motion. Vote was taken and the motion passed 5 to 0.

Robert Gross made a motion to nominate Alvin Blake as Secretary, Cathy DeFoe seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5 to 0.

The committee had a lengthy general discussion regarding what tools they would like to use to get information out to the public such as the Town Website, newspapers and mailing stuffers. It was also discussed of what type of energy saving projects, analysis tools or companies the committee would possibly like to entertain researching and possibly utilizing to help Becket residents and businesses save money and reduce their dependence on fossil fuel energy sources and seek out more sustainable energy alternatives. The information that was handed out was discussed and there was some general overall interest in the possibility of a large scale solar proposal for the Town in the future.

The Committee discussed establishing having some short term goals:

One short term goal the committee wanted to pursue was to put together a "Resident based energy reduction information packet" for distribution.

Another short term goal was the committee wanted to analyze the current energy costs per each town owned building and to review those historic costs and to identify possible opportunities to reduce the energy consumption on a building by building basis.

A third short term goal was to have an inventory of town owned land that is ten acres or larger compiled.

A fourth short term goal was to examine programs and proposals such as CET and Solarize Mass to see if there was a strong potential to offer these type of programs to the residents and businesses of Becket to help them save on their energy consumption.

Long Term goals which were discussed were the possibility of establishing a Municipal Electric Plant and electric distribution system in Becket.

Another possible long term goal was to explore the possibility of locating alternative energy generation plants or farms on a landfill or other town owned space of ten acres or larger.

The Committee set the date for the next meeting for November 21st, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Becket Town Hall.

Garth Klimchuk made a motion to adjourn, Robert Gross seconded the motion and the motion passed 5 to 0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Gibson

Town Administrator

Minutes approved: November 21, 2013



Cathy DeFoe, Chairperson