## Town of Becket

## **Energy Committee Minutes**

## September 4, 2014 meeting

In attendance: Committee members Alvin Blake, Cathy Defoe, Robert Gross, Garth Klimchuk. Ex-Officio member Ed Gibson.

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am

Minutes from the July meeting will be considered at the next meeting.

The previously discussed changes to the Energy Committee info on the Town Web Site were effected. Ed Gibson will find out if it is possible to know how often the web site is looked at.

The committee decided that it made sense to plan a town energy information session in the early spring, 2015. It will allow the committee to make the presentation more encompassing that the summer program. It is thought that we would include a discussions of community solar and financing options. It was decided that after April 15<sup>th</sup> would be a good time to hold the meeting. Ed Gibson will inform the Board of any potential scheduling conflicts during this period at the next committee meeting.

Marin Goldstein (CET) and Jim Barry (DOER) said they would be happy to participate in a second information session.

A decision needs to be made if a separate meeting should be held for commercial entities. In order to determine their level of interest and when would be a good time for a meeting, Garth Klimchuk will contact the camps in Becket, Cathy Defoe will contact Kushi and Bob Gross will contact Jacobs Pillow prior to the next meeting.

An 8.5" X 11" flyer describing the information session can be included with the Tax Bill which is sent out in December. The flyer must be completed by the November meeting.

Ed Gibson spoke with Chris Vreeland, an independent engineer, about evaluating the Town's potential sites for solar arrays. He is to send Ed information to determine the cost and scope of a feasibility study in time for it to be discussed at the October meeting.

Ed Gibson will make a recommendation about muni-aggregation and have an update at the next meeting.

There was nothing new to report on Town energy usage.

Next meeting scheduled for September 25, 2014 at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am

Minutes respectfully submitted

Robert Gross, Committee member

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