

Town of Becket

Energy Committee Minutes

Dec 18, 2014

In attendance: Committee members Alvin Blake, Cathy Defoe, Katherine Hoak, Robert Gross, and Ex-Officio members Ed Gibson, Dan Parnell and Bill Girard. Guests Gary Stoller and Jeremy Dunn

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Cathy Defoe, Chairperson.

Robert made a motion to approve October meeting minutes and Garth seconded.

There were no updates to the committee's website.

The Energy information flyer will be included in the December town tax mailing and Cathy confirmed the speakers. It was also agreed that Robert will work with Dan to prepare a list of contacts within community associations that will be contacted at a later date.

We discussed the potential solar energy sites for the Town usage and noted on the following:

- Ed met with the Select Board and it was agreed that an extension to the Green Community grant will be requested and if granted, the funds will be used for a new town hall roof and replacement of heating system. This would hopefully achieve the 20% energy savings that is required for future grants
- Ed presented findings from Chris of property owned by Williams Quarry and although it is a possibility for small wind or solar there may be significant obstacles. The property at "Jacobs well" was mentioned as another potential.
- Bill will attempt to find any existing wind testing data in Becket.
- Cathy will provide BPVS with an update on the information provided
- Garth provided an updates on Community solar and stated that WMECO was a significant obstacle to this option

. We continue discussion on the book "Eaarth" by Bill McKibben and it was recommend for all to read

New Business

Gary Stoller gave presentation on topic of the town pension funds divesting from fossil fuels and we will continue discussion at next meeting


The Committee set the date for the next meeting for January 15th, 2015 at 10 AM at the Becket Town Hall..

Robert made a motion to adjourn. Cathy seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Al Blake, Secretary

 Chair

Date 1/15/14