

Town of Becket
Energy Committee Minutes
March 4, 2015

In attendance: Committee members Cathy Defoe, Robert Gross, Katherine Hoak and ex-officio members Ed Gibson, Dan Parnell and Bill Girard

Robert Gross made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, which was seconded by Cathy Defoe and passed unanimously.

The lists (of businesses, non-profits and homeowner associations) prepared by Dan Parnell to be used in conjunction with the Spring Information Session were reviewed. Dan will forward the lists electronically to committee members, who will add any additional information they have. **The lists will be reviewed at the next meeting and a decision will be made at that time how to utilize them in conjunction with the Information Session.**

A solar PV array at Town Hall was discussed. The consensus was that PV panels on the roof should be utilized to offset town electric usage and a ground mounted system could be used for a community solar system. **Garth would be asked to determine how WMECO is likely to charge for the design work on the two projects – whether one or two proposals would be necessary and the cost impact. Chris Kilfoyle should be asked to attend the next meeting to offer details about the costs of the different possible options.**

The committee voted unanimously to postpone a vote on the "Resolution on the Climate Crisis" until the next meeting.

Ed Gibson reported that he is thinking of hiring an engineer to evaluate the town hall HVAC system. DOER may pay for the study.

The possible sites for solar energy generation were prioritized as follows: (1) Town Hall, (2) Williams property (3) Jacob's Ladder property (4) lumber yard.

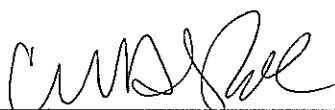
Al Blake would be asked to determine the status of solar generation programs by other towns within the WMECO service area and update the committee at the next meeting.

The priorities for the next meeting are: (1) Vote on the "Resolution", (2) Continue planning for the Information Session, (3) Solar power generation

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2015 at Town Hall at 10:00am

At 11:05, Robert Gross made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Cathy Defoe and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robert Gross, Committee member

 Chair Date 3/19/15