Town of Becket

Energy Committee Minutes

June 18, 2015

In attendance: Committee members Robert Gross, Katherine Hoak, Al Blake. Garth Klimchuck, ex-officio member Ed Gibson and guest speaker Seth Ginsberg – Apis Energy Group

Meeting called to order at 10:07 by Garth Klimchuck, Vice Chairperson.

Robert Gross made a motion to approve the May & June meeting minutes, which was seconded by Al Blake and passed unanimously

Information Session – we reviewed the reservations and confirmed that all was in place for the session

There was no update on solar PV array at Town Hall. It was agreed that Garth would draft Owners Agent Technical Grant, send for review and submit next week. If accepted this would be used for continuing exploration of Town solar PV array and potential for Community Solar.

Community Solar - Seth Ginsberg discussed the opportunities for Community Solar on previously suggested locations in town and it was decided that privately owned parcels of 5 – 10 acres were optimum. The following actions were agreed upon:

- The committee would send a letter to the Apis Energy Group expressing interest in continuing to explore our options
- We would ask to be the 7/15 Select Board agenda to discuss our plans
- We would continue to look at private parcels of land that may be potential for community solar

Katherine read a statement from her financial advisor who is part of decision-making for the Unitarian congregation on LI which has a portfolio worth several hundred million dollars. He said that they hold a marginal amount of shares in fossil fuel companies-maybe $2,500 worth, the minimum required in order to participate in shareholder initiatives. He said he didn't think it astute to add shares thinking you'd have greater clout with Exxon or Chevron.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2015 at Town Hall 10:00am

At 11:20, Al Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Garth and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Al Blake, Secretary

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