

## ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 20, 2015

Attendees: Garth klimchuck, Bob Gross, Al Blake, Katherine Hoak, Ed Gibson

Garth called the meeting to order at 10:05.

The July 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting 's minutes were approved by Bob, seconded by Al, and unanimously approved.

3. a. Meeting with the Board of Selectmen had been cancelled. The Grant Application to be submitted to the Board has not been completed. Garth will inquire about the application and then submit the digital form to both Al and Ed for completion. Once it is completed, it will be submitted to the Board for its signatures.

b. Committee website, editing: Al will submit his updates on the website for our editing.

c. Community Solar: Seth's letter to the Board of Selectmen was reviewed, as well as Garth's, in response. Garth will edit Seth's letter, indicating that Seth will not be compensated by Becket. He will be compensated by the project as it is underway.

Seth has found a place for us in Pittsfield. Sunedison would construct and run it. We would have the right to engage residents in signing up for it. We want Seth to look further into the Williams property.

d..Information Session: we need to develop a questionnaire to determine interests in developing a focus group which could possibly be formed in the fall. We want to know what we should do differently

at the next Informational Meeting, to be held probably next spring.  
Garth will work on this.

e.Garth found no information available in re upcoming legislation on small hydro net metering.

4. Mass Power Forward, a move toward renewable energy and energy efficiency.. This organization is a coalition of units which work on energy efficiency. A motion was made and passed that we become a member of Mass Power Forward, thereby making us a visible supporting entity.

5. Called Ross ..., Town Assessor of N. Adams & Clarksburg

N. Adams uses a capped landfill, city-owned land which it then leases to Borrega.

6. Katherine presented a synopsis of the Pope's Encyclical, **Laudato Si'**, written because of the harm humans have inflicted on the earth . It includes his profound concern for the poor. He draws attention to the fact that it is the poor who will suffer most from the climate changes . This was a partial presentation, to be continued.

We finally agreed that that we would pursue a Community Solar project in Pittsfield (or the Williams property,) dropping consideration of both roof and ground mounts at Town Hall, and continuing with Seth.

7. Next meeting will be September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

We unanimously agreed to adjourn at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Hoak, Secretary of EC



J.Garth Klimchuk  
Chair .