

TOWN of BECKET
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: August 18, 2016

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Becket Town Hall, Becket Room

557 Main Street, Becket 01223

Present: Garth Klimchuck, Robert Gross, Al Blake, Katherine Hoak,
Bill Gerard, Ed Gibson

1. The meeting called to order at 9:37 AM.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Current Business Items
 - a. Aggregation vs. community solar vs. town hall rooftop
 - Aggregation is most expensive, but can reach the most residents
 - Solar on the roof: 1st that must take place is roof replacement; 2nd is money being appropriated for it at town meeting
 - RFP is hardest to do, but used when looking for an engineering firm
 - IFB, Invitation For Bids, recommended by Ed
 - 1st: money estimated
 - Aggregation-specific process to go through, probably not till May; every resident would get a reduction in energy costs
 - Community Solar: waiting to hear back from school district, its participation is necessary because of its added volume; Washington has already indicated its interest in participating. A contract agreed upon for participation would have a 20-year duration, with 12% reduction for residents in energy costs
 - Aggregation contract would have 2-5year duration, with 10-15% reduction; problem with this is not knowing where Eversource's rates will be at that point

Syncarpa seems very interested in providing community solar for our 3 entities: Becket, Washington & school district. It is looking for 250,000 kilowatt hrs. This is possible for us if the school district joins us; otherwise, it's iffy and we might have to go to aggregation.

--Solar on roof is separate issue; it would reduce our kilowatt hours, but would make the involvement of school district critically important

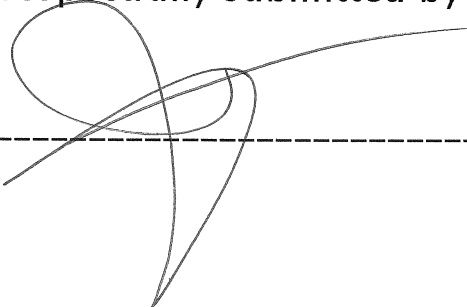
--Aggregation would take about a year to implement; community solar is faster to get, is up to Board of Selectmen

b. If school district doesn't go in with it, we'd need to find other towns to join us

c. Information Session is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th. Concern is losing participation of summer residents at that date. Garth will make agenda for it.

4. New items—none
5. No new business to come before Committee
6. Next meeting date is September 15th at 9:30 AM
7. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine Hoak, Secretary

 _____ Chair 9/15/16 _____ Date