

TOWN OF BECKET  
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: February 16, 2017  
Time: 9:30am  
Location: Becket Town Hall Becket Room  
557 Main Street, Becket

Meeting Minutes

1. Bob Gross called the meeting to order at 9:35. Meeting attendees were Al Blake, Bob Gross, Cathy DeFoe, Ed Gibson, and Katherine Hoak via phone.
2. The meeting minutes from January were approved. Garth still needs to complete the December meeting minutes, issue them, and then we will approve them.
3. Current business items:
  - a. Coop Power organization usage of town owned property for town residents to form 25 kW max systems. We need to understand if 3 phase power is needed for this or not. Ed will follow up on this.
  - b. 100% Renewable campaign discussion – the select board is not interested in pursuing this at this time. We cannot reach 100% renewable here due to the dirt road mileage in town and the need for all wheel drive town vehicles, which cannot be powered by electricity.
  - c. Lighting retrofit program- The street lights here in town are owned by Eversource, not the town, so this is not something we can pursue.
  - d. Other items per Info Session-
    - i. Should we have another info session and if so when? The tax bill inserts will need to be done in a few months.
    - ii. The BWS status for participation in community solar – Garth was going to check on this.
    - iii. Once we determine the need for 3 phase power for the small coop PV systems, we can determine if there is more information to share with our community
4. New Items
  - a. We did a site plan and proposal review for the Integrated Power Partners proposed development of a 7 megawatt PV system on Tanglewood Circle. March 7 is the ZBA review meeting. This is privately owned land in a development off Rt 20. The benefit to the town is increased tax revenue.
  - b. We also reviewed the proposed PV system from several months ago which has a wet land assessment in process by the Becket Conservation Commission. Sun Watt Energy Group/Ameres Co is the developer considering PV installation on this 36 acres in the former Jacobs Well property. The town is interested in using a portion of this property for town use as well, but both projects can be done on this property.
5. Meeting adjourned at 10:23.
6. The next meeting date – March 23, 2017. Bob Gross will not be able to attend.

OK Robert H. H.  
Asst Chair