

TOWN OF BECKET
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: May 18, 2017

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Becket Town Hall, Becket Room
557 Main Street, Becket

AGENDA

In Attendance: Garth Klimchuck, Bob Gross, Al Blake, Katherine Hoak, Ed Gibson

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM.
2. Minutes from the 4/20/17 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Current business items:
 - a. Co-op Power use of town property owned or privately owned property for a community solar project discussed:
 - the new State programs are effective March 2018
 - recommend a 100 Kw installation
 - single phase connection is fine
 - will require several Eversource residential customers to reach 100 Kw in demand
 - Ed Gibson to determine impact on property assessment/RE taxes
 - Bob Gross to check with Bill Girard about possible sites
 - b. Bob Gross to check with Co-op Power about an updated proposal to put solar panels on Town Hall roof, pavilion roof and possibly a ground-mounted system.
 - c. Info session flyer discussion and finalizing speaker
 - i. Date: September 9th, 2017
 - ii. Speakers: Nexamp, DOER, Co-op Power
We're advocating Nexamp.
 - iii. Draft agenda outline: we voted to insert the flyer into the tax bill to go out in June. Committee will edit via email; Ed Gibson will arrange for the insert
 - d. April 27 Berkshire Community Green Network Meeting
 - Al reported on the meeting with about 10 towns, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and CET which wants to get all towns involved. Each town has a liaison to the

Commission and pays a fee to it. Mr. .Ronzio from our Planning Board is Becket's liaison.

-Borrego Solar Project was also discussed. It's a private company that has the right to lease property around Tanglewood Circle on Rte.8. It has been approved by the Zoning Board, but not the Planning Board because of the height of fences. 25 acres of trees will be cut down and there are wetlands nearby. Its building permit will cost about\$100,000. Borrego could possibly set up a community solar.

4, 5. No new business was introduced.

6. The next Meeting date is June 15th, 2017.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27. Garth proposed, Bob seconded.

Katherine Hoak, Secretary



 Vice Chair

Date

