

TOWN OF BECKET
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: June 15, 2017

Time: 9:30 AM

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

In Attendance: Bob Gross, Al Blake, Cathy DeFoe, Katherine Hoak,
Ed Gibson

AGENDA

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
3. Current business items:
 - a. Coop Power use of town property
 - 1) A solar array on Town Hall roof would be sufficient just for usage by Town Hall.
 - 2) On the adjoining leech field, a community solar is a possibility. It's about 5 acres in size, but it needs to be determined how much of that would be usable since wetlands are a part of it.
 - 3) Such plots can be owned either privately or by the town. Bob and Bill Girard will look over land within the town, using assessors' maps, to determine possibilities.
 - b. Flyers informing residents of the upcoming Informational session will go out shortly with the tax forms.
4. New items:
 - a. At the July meeting, we will discuss the possibility of increasing membership on the Energy Committee because there are some residents who are interested in joining it. What needs to be assessed then is that a larger membership will raise the quorum needed to

hold meetings. We'll learn then, too, who wishes to remain on the Committee.

5. Solarize MASS: seeks to increase adoption of small-scale solar electricity in participating communities through a competitive solicitation process that aggregates homeowners' buying power to lower installation prices to participants. We discussed the possibility of joining with neighboring communities for this. Ed will take this to the Board of Selectmen for discussion.
6. Our next meeting will be held of July 20, 2017.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02.

Katherine Hoak, Secretary

-----Chair Date 7/20/17-----