

TOWN OF BECKET

ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: September 21, 2017

Time: 9:30 AM

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

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

Absent: Garth Klimchuck

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:37 AM.
2. The minutes of the meeting on July 20, 2017 were reviewed and approved.
3. The minutes of the meeting on August 17 were reviewed and approved.
4. Current business items:
 - a. Coop Power use of town property update from Bob on potential sites. Bob discussed his review of large 20 acre plus privately and publicly owned properties in Becket. We can use aerial views of these sites to determine if any have cleared 1-2 acre portions to be used for community solar projects. Al suggested that Jacobs Pillow is also an option as they are willing to set aside acreage for community solar. Bob will contact Coop power to see if there are any plans to do this currently.
 - b. Info session feedback and what to do with registrants. The committee agreed that the session was well presented. We had 42 attendees including the committee. Half of the original attendees expressing interest in attending the session did not attend. We will review the committee's email account prior to Monday before the portal has changed. We will consider adding the new attendees to our address book.
5. New Items
 - a. We need to review the information on town website originally created by the committee. Ed will send out an e-version of this to the committee to be edited.
 - b. Potential participation in revision of large solar town bylaw. Al will send out invitations to the group to participate in developing small as well as large solar arrays.
 - c. We have yet to hear anything back from the town of Washington for participation in Solarize and Heat Pump MA. This program

deals with heat pumps, solar-thermal and geo-thermal along with other energy sources. Ed will contact Hinsdale town officials to see if they want to participate in this program with Becket.

6. Next meeting date - Oct 17, 2017 at NEW TIME *3:30PM******

7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Cathy DeFoe, Secretary

Alan Blake Chair 10/17/17 Date