

**TOWN OF BECKET**  
**ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date: February 20, 2018**

**Time: 3:30 PM**

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

In Attendance: Al Blake, Cathy DeFoe, Katherine Hoak, Bob Markel, Bill Girard.

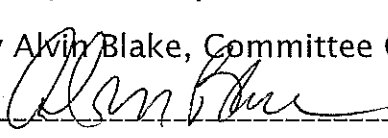
Absent: Robert Gross, Dan Parnell, Garth Klimchuck.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:39 PM.
2. The minutes of the meeting on December 20 were reviewed and approved. The committee will approve the January 18, 2018 minutes at our meeting on March 20, 2018.
3. Current business items:
  - a. Coop Power use of town property & Jacob's Pillow: Update from Bob on potential sites. There has been no correspondence since our last meeting. Bob believes that Jacob's Pillow does not want to work with Coop Power. We will not pursue this at this time.
  - b. We will contact Coop power again to pursue adding PV system to both the Town Hall building and Pavilion or to the field adjacent to the town hall. The septic field is in this area and may be an issue with a ground mount system.
  - c. Verify updated information on town website. Cathy made all changes and sent them to Nina to revise as time allows.
  - d. Review municipal electricity contracts – Bob cannot find our contracts but will meet with Ed to review.
  - e. Additional opportunities for green community grants - We have \$25,000 left to spend on our current grant before July 1, 2018. We need to find a \$25,000 project so that this part of the grant can be completed and the next round of grant funding can be accessed. Bob will bring this up at the Select board meeting this week.
  - f. Status of town hall heating/ac replacement. The town needs to find \$75,000 additional funds to proceed with the heating/ac replacement.
  - g. Status of municipal garage energy improvements - The town garage will be converting to propane and this cost will be quite expensive.
  - h. Town aggregation program: Over 50% of the towns in Berkshire County are in aggregation programs at a savings of 10-15% on their power cost. This would require a town meeting vote and a selection process from multiple vendors. The proposal needs to be approved by the state first before it can go before the ATM. Cathy will look back at the warrant and previous notes about our committee's exploration of this subject. Bob will bring this up at the Select board meeting this week.

4. Any other business to come before the Committee.
  - a. Bob Gross will likely have conflicts for the foreseeable future attending the Energy Committee.
  - b. March 6 special town meeting will involve, in part, the PILOT for the Borrego solar PV field.
5. Next Meeting date -Mar 20, 2018. 3:30 PM
6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Cathy DeFoe, Secretary

Signed by Alvin Blake, Committee Chair

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