

TOWN OF BECKET

ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: June 21, 2018

Time: 9:30 AM

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

In Attendance: Al Blake, Katherine Hoak, Bill Girard, Robert Gross, Cathy DeFoe, Garth Klimchuk, Bob Markel

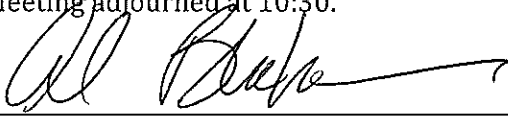
Absent: Dan Parnell

1. Meeting called to order at 9:40.
2. Approve minutes of previous meeting with addition of Garth to attendees.
3. Current business items:
 - a. Discuss use of town properties for solar & how to proceed and Status of town hall heating/ac replacement and additional opportunities for green community grants and current status.
 - i. META grant – Bob will submit application on July 19th for this grant to investigate and gain expertise to pull all the energy efficiency projects we have in process together. The total available is \$12,500. The heat pump system is also eligible for a grant using alternate fuel sources. The \$28,000 remaining to complete the expenditures for our remaining Green Communities Grant work as been extended for one year. We have bids to complete this work on various projects at the 2 fire stations. We need to get this work wrapped up this summer. We will then be eligible for competitive grants in February through Green Communities.
 - ii. Proposal from Resonant Energy - The Selectboard would prefer that the solar array here on the Town Hall property be used to offset Town Hall expenses rather than devote this project to community solar.
 - b. Confirm presenters for fall Energy forum
 - i. We plan to add Colonial Prower to discuss community aggregation
 - c. Discuss town aggregation program - Bob has signed the agreement with Colonial Power to consult with the Town on community wide aggregation. This is likely a 6-9 month process to complete.
 - d. Town Electricity contracts - Our town contracts with Constellation expire in October and new contracts need to be reviewed and signed.
 - e. Communication with Selectboard – We need to have a member at each Selectboard meeting to keep them informed of our committee's activities.
4. Other business
 - a. Discussion about committee positions for next year – We need to vote on filling positions for next FY. Garth made a motion to keep all current officers in place and Cathy seconded this motion.

- b. Discuss Heat Smart program - Great Barrington has done this for heat system replacements for residents. A committee is formed and they solicit vendors, choose one and promote it to residents. The more residents that sign up, the greater the savings. Robert and Garth are going to research what GB has done.

Next meeting July 19, 2018 at 9:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

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Al Blake, Chair