

TOWN OF BECKET  
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: March 21st, 2019  
Minutes

**In Attendance:** Al Blake, Bob Gross, Katherine Hoak, Bill Caldwell, Bill Girard, Chris Swindlehurst

**Absent:** Garth Klimchuck, Cathy Defoe

1. Meeting called to order at 9:05.
2. Approved minutes of 2/21/19 meeting.
3. Current business items:
  - a. META grant has \$1400 left
    - i. May use funds for new RFP for solar canopy over planned additional parking at Town Hall
  - b. Discussion of engineering report for town hall heating/ac replacement
    - i. Proposal recommends using propane and minisplit system
    - ii. Most of projected savings will come from AC
    - iii. Hope to use Green Community Grant – will hear in June
    - iv. Project will be in 2020 fiscal year
    - v. \$40K have been carried forward
    - vi. No plan for new generator
  - c. Results of Energy audit lighting work
    - i. Paperwork being processed by Eversource
    - ii. LED lighting in Town Hall, outside highway garage, fire station 2 inside and outside
    - iii. Should look into changing street lights
  - d. Status of 2019 green community grant
    - i. Covered in section B

- e. Status of Jacobs Pillow pursuing community solar
  - i. JP asked that we follow up with them in May
- 4. Annual energy information forum
  - a. Schedule for Saturday 8/24/19 from 10-noon
  - b. Suggestion that contractors and organizations be invited to attend
  - c. Need to find out if school is available
  - d. Invitees: DOER, CTE, Colonial Power (aggregation), Coop Power (community Solar)
  - e. Need to ask school principal if outside vendors can be admitted
- 5. UU Mass municipal fuel use reduction through trialing telematics software – on hold
- 6. MVP status
  - a. CC agent (Mary) will be the staff person and pursue initial grant
  - b. Grant for 1<sup>st</sup> study first step, then a competitive grant
- 7. IECC building code participation
  - a. Similar to MA code and must be voted on by state
  - b. Town needs to appoint two additional people to get full vote
- 8. Next meeting 4/16 @ 5pm
- 9. Adjourned at 10:20

Submitted by:

Alvin Blake      4/9/19

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Date