

**MINUTES**

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 2013**

**6:00 P.M.**

**GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL**

**334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON**

- I. Call to Order. 6:07 pm. In attendance Brandee Nelson, Nancy Rogers, Beth Moser, Alana Chernila, Chris Vlcek
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 20 Meeting. Beth moved to approve, and Brandee seconded. Approved with Alana abstaining.
- III. Solarize Mass Grants – A working group was put together with Ryan to lead effort. Stockbridge’s energy/green community has been difficult to reach to determine if they want to go jointly with Great Barrington on the program proposal. The committee agreed to focus primarily on Egremont. Chris has asked Ryan to put together a list of items that we need for application before September deadline. We discussed how to bring information to the Select Board. Beth will assist by sending an email to Ryan and draft an initial letter to the Select Board.

Brandee will send a link to Beth on the Solarize Mass program.

- IV. Open Discussion Items  
Green Communities Grant – Chris has information from Guardian, a firm that manages the process of fulfilling the Green Community obligation as a preferred vendor. He would like Guardian to present to the Committee to describe their services. Having them on board may simplify the procurement process and make implementation go more smoothly. Chris will check their references and let the committee know at the next meeting.

Chris summarized the sustainability conference he and Ryan went too. It was large scale and provided a lot of general information on solar.

The committee noted that plastic bags were banned at Town Meeting.

Billion Dollar Challenge update was provided by Beth. Mr. Orlovski informed Beth that he had been in touch with Sean and reviewed language on establishing a fund.

- V. Next Meeting Date- Possible Agenda Items. – Solarize Mass program schedule; change in Committee size (check our committee by laws) to address the issues of difficulty meeting quorum. And, Alana says that she needs to check to see if the committee needs a select person on the Committee. June 5 or 12 (try for 12th – Brandee will check on room availability).
- VI. Adjournment. Moved Alana moved to adjourn with no objection.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandee Nelson, Secretary