

Town of Becket
Energy Committee Minutes
July 16, 2015

In attendance: Committee members Robert Gross, Katherine Hoak, Al Blake. Garth Klimchuk, Cathy Defoe and ex-officio member Ed Gibson

Meeting called to order at 10:00 by Cathy Defoe, Chairperson.

Robert Gross made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, which was seconded by Garth and passed unanimously

Committee Elections

Garth Klimchuck was nominated for new Chairperson and unanimously approved
Robert Gross was nominated for new Vice-Chair and unanimously approved
Katherine Hoak was nominated as Secretary and unanimously approved
New positions will be effective as of August meeting

Committee web page – as some of the information on the committee’s web page is inaccurate it was agreed that all members will review and send Garth corrections & suggestions before next meeting.

Information Session – The following observations and decisions were made in reviewing the Information Session

- Fewer attendees than previous year but more interactive
- Many participants had signed up for Mass Save
- A questionnaire will be developed to determine level of interest for a Focus Group in the fall

Solar PV array at Town Hall. New roof should be in place sometime this fall. It was agreed that Garth would re-visit application of Owners Agent Technical Grant to determine if it could be used to evaluate both roof top & ground mounted solutions.

Green Community grant – Ed stated that a study would be done to evaluate most effective heating/AC system for town hall

Community Solar – Apis Energy Group is continuing to look at private parcels of land that may be potential for community solar. Garth will draft a letter expressing the Energy committee’s interest in exploring all options

Hydro Power – Garth will continue to research legislation

Katherine read excerpts from Bill McKibbens article which discussed what progressive utility companies are doing with renewable energy solutions and how home owners are taking advantage of technologies such as heat pumps. As a result, Bob agreed to research information on heat pumps and Al will look into some appropriate actions the committee can take to urge the DPU and legislature to become more proactive in promoting renewable energy to out utilities

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20th, 2015 at Town Hall 10:00am

At 11:00, Al Blake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Garth and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Al Blake, Secretary

_____ Chair Date _____