

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

**Date: October 17, 2017**

**Time: 3:30 AM**

**Location: Becket Town Hall, Becket Room**

**557 Main Street, Becket**

In Attendance: Robert Gross, Al Blake, Cathy DeFoe, Katherine Hoak, Ed Gibson, Bill Girard

Absent: Garth Klimchuck

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:37 PM.
2. The minutes of the meeting on September 21 were reviewed and approved.
3. Current business items:
  - a. Coop Power use of town property update from Bob on potential sites. Bob spoke with Lynn Benander from Coop Power regarding Jacob's Pillow willingness to provide a site for community power for Becket residents. Lynn prefers that we not approach Jacob's Pillow directly.
  - b. Bob also approached Malcom Bliss, CEO from Coop Power to determine if he had individuals interested in sharing a list of potential investors in a Coop solar array in Becket and financial modeling information about the new solar development standards. Bob is waiting to hear back from him.
  - c. Bill Girard mentioned that we have a development in process for a 25kW solar field now with the expectation that this can be expanded in the future with a priority for an existing solar array. This property is near the Becket Motel and other small parcels throughout town. There is currently no bylaw covering this type of development.
  - d. Info session feedback and what to do with registrants. We can create a distribution list and consider adding the new attendees to our address book. CMD and Ed Gibson to review former energy committee email address for old distribution list for the next meeting.

#### 4. New Items

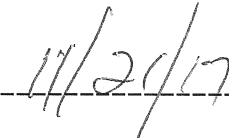
- a. We reviewed the information on town website originally created by the committee. Cathy revised several of the documents. Bob will review the links on the home page and Cathy will check the links on the remaining pages. All simple changes should be given to Nina as soon as they are ready.
- b. Potential participation in revision of large solar town bylaw. The current large scale solar is for anything over 250 kW. Small scale solar bylaws are under review. Large scale solar bylaws were written to be under the review of the zoning board and a proposed change is in process to make this under the review of the planning board. Bob Gross has agreed to be the representative from the Energy Committee for this effort.
- c. We have yet to hear anything back from the town of Washington for participation in Solarize and Heat Pump MA. This program deals with heat pumps, solar-thermal and geo-thermal along with other energy sources. Ed has contacted Hinsdale town officials to see if they want to participate in this program with Becket. This is in process.

#### 5. Next meeting date – Nov 21, 2017 at NEW TIME \*\*\*3:30PM\*\*\*\*

6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Cathy DeFoe, Secretary

Signed by Alvin Blake, Committee Chair

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