

TOWN OF BECKET
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: March 3, 2016

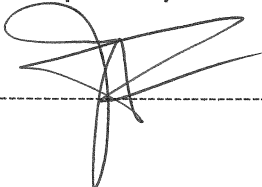
Time: Noon

Location: Becket Town Hall, Becket Room
557 Main Street, Becket, MA 01223

Present: Robert Gross, Cathy DeFoe, Katherine Hoak, Garth Klimchuk (on phone,) Ed Gibson

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 PM.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting on January 21, 2016 were approved.
3. Current Business Items: because Garth had to leave this session early, we skipped to New Items, i.e. aggregation. Bob had made a presentation to the Board of Selectmen. It approved of having an article proposing aggregation for electric power for the town and residents being presented at the town meeting.
 - a. Community Solar, including net metering
Net metering is an undetermined issue for Massachusetts so far, according to the information provided by Sen. Ben Downing. Gov. Baker is decidedly pro-utilities, providing an enormous hurdle to attaining a satisfactory outcome for net-metering proponents.
 - b. Town Hall Solar
The Board of Selectmen has already approved getting a new roof for Town Hall. Chris Kilfoyle of Berkshire Photovoltaic Systems has already provided us with information in re solar panels on the roof. It was decided to ask him to write an estimate of the budgetary parameters of that project; the figure proposed would be a not-to-exceed figure.
 - c. Heat Pump Program
Because Al has taken on this area and because he could not be present today, we put off discussing this until our next meeting.
4. New Items: none was presented, aside from the aggregation issue covered earlier in the meeting.
5. We thought the next Informational Meeting for town residents would be scheduled for June or later than that.
6. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21st at 10 AM.
7. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:29 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine Hoak, Secretary

-----Chair -----Date 4/28/16-----