

TOWN OF BECKET
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: May 19, 2016

Time: 11 AM

Location: Becket Town Hall, Becket Room

557 Main Street, Becket, MA 01223

Present: Garth Klimchuck (on phone,) Robert Gross, Al Blake, Cathy DeFoe, Katherine Hoak, Ed Gibson, Bill Girard, Adele Levine (Guest)

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:16 AM.
2. There were no minutes available of the previous meeting on April 28, 2016.
3. Current business items
 - a & b. Syncarpha Project
 - how much power do we want to buy, both town & residents
 - should invite Washington to join us, but want to wait until "we have our ducks in order"
 - could form a waiting list of those interested in participating
 - SP would allocate the amount in the contract
 - could buy at 12% discount, based on Eversource rate
 - our current discount rate with Constellation Energy is less than that
 - Eversource has just lowered its rate to 8¢
 - reach out to residents at the Information Session Planning in September
 - c. Ed needs to hire a contractor to determine costs of solar on town hall roof and the pavilion
 - Seth Ginsberg is a possibility
 - need to fast-track; shingles have been picked
 - new roof is to be completed this summer
 - d. Berkshire Regional Planning & CEC: getting Berkshire towns to apply for grants
 - Al is providing update & input
 - Grassroots Fund originally gave out grants
 - Lenox is the first in line

--problem getting the word out economically, outreach to residents to see who would be interested in signing up for community solar

e. Information Session planning: if Syncarpha is the only possibility for community solar, it should be asked to make a presentation at the Session

4. What is the status of Green Community?

--the first part of the funding is being wrapped up; \$25,000 remaining

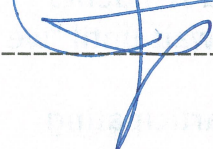
--once used, can apply for additional funding-which is available

5. No additional business came before the Committee.

6. The next Meeting date is June 16, 2016.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine Hoak, Secretary

 _____ Chair July 21, 2016 Date