

TOWN OF BECKET
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: June 18, 2019
Minutes

In Attendance: Al Blake, Bob Gross, Cathy DeFoe, Dan Parnell, Susan Purser.

Absent: Katherine Hoak, Garth Klumchuk, Bill Caldwell, Bill Girard.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:07 pm.
2. Approved minutes of 5/14/19 meeting.
3. Current business items:
 - a. META grant has \$1400 left
 - i. *May use funds for new RFP for solar canopy over planned additional parking at Town Hall. A bid needs to be created to get this going. Bill Girard and Bill Caldwell will meet with a new vendor next week.*
 - ii. Feedback from conference call. Al will get the presentation and report out the highlights.
 - b. Status of Energy audit lighting work.
 - i. *LED lighting replacement in Town Hall, outside highway garage, fire station 2 inside and outside is in process. Bill is meeting with the vendor soon to confirm what all the follow up items are.*
 - ii. *The committee feels we should look into changing our street lights to a more energy efficient design which is a special project that Bill will look into. There are only 4 town owned street lights in town. This is a low priority.*
 - c. Status of 2019 green community grant.
 - i. A single Town Hall building HVAC project bid has now come in with only a propane system. The committee is

disappointed that an affordable air source heat pump option was not an options.

- ii. DOER response is still not yet in on the new non competitive grant.
- 4. Annual energy information forum – the flyer is all set and ready to be mailed out with the next tax bill.
- 5. *Nominations for committee positions – All positions are up for renomination.* Al, Bob and Cathy will remain in our current positions as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
- 6. Al and Bob will both be re-appointed for a 2 year term on the energy committee.
- 7. *UU Mass municipal fuel use reduction through trialing telematics software.* We have applied for this and are waiting for a response.
- 8. MVP status
 - a. *Grant for 1st study first step, then a competitive grant. All town departments have signed off on this.* This grant has been applied for and we are waiting for notice.
- 9. Charging station located at the Town Hall effort is being lead by Michael Lavery. This would be a free, 2 hour charging station.
- 10. Bill Caldwell, we would like to review the potential for a solar PV system both on the town hall roof and/or on the existing septic system.
- 11. Aggregation Program update needed. We have not heard anything about this recently.
- 12. Next meeting 7/16 @ 4 pm.
- 13. Adjourned at 4:43 PM.



Al Blake, Chair