

TOWN OF BECKET
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: August 20, 2019
Minutes

In Attendance: Al Blake, Bob Gross, Cathy DeFoe, Kathryn Hoak, Bill Caldwell, Susan Purser, Bill Girard.

Absent: Garth Klumchuk, Dan Parnell.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm.
2. Approved meeting minutes from July.
3. Current business items:
 - a. Discuss use of town solar – Tom Kelly from Northeast Solar reviewed the field over the septic system for a PV project. There is very little payback from this small site so we need to explore other options. Bill Girard suggested purchasing the equipment ourselves and with town employees, volunteers, etc. this could be done more cheaply. Coop power would do a PPA power purchase agreement such that after 10 years we would own the system. Bill will review these 2 options with the selectboard.
 - b. Status of Energy audit lighting work - Bill Caldwell did hear back briefly from the contractor to replace the light fixtures in Town Hall, outside highway garage, fire station 2 inside and outside is in process but no meeting has been set up yet. We are at this contractor's mercy to get this finished.
 - c. Status of 2019/20 green community grant & Town hall HVAC. Bill has not heard anything from DOER as yet. Jim Barry told Al that this information should be forthcoming this month.
4. Discuss annual energy information forum
 - a. Confirm agenda and timeframes – done with one addition.
 - b. Confirm coffee and donuts - Susan has ordered and Garth will pick them up.

- c. Speakers –Town Administrator, UMass, BC/AC. DOER , CET, Colonial Power, Susan.
- d. Possiblity of recording – not likely to happen.

5. Other business

- a. Status for alternate committee position. Susan's application has been accepted and she is now our alternate member.
- b. UU Mass municipal fuel use reduction through trialing telematics software. We have applied and are waiting to hear back.
- c. MVP status. No change from our last meeting.
- d. EV charging station status. They should be ready soon.

Next meeting is September 17 at 4PM.

Adjourned at 4:36.



Al Blake, Chair