

**TOWN OF BECKET  
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

1. November 15, 2022, 4 PM

**Minutes**

In attendance (via Zoom): Al Blake, Cathy DeFoe (Acting Secretary), Bob Gross, Katherine Hoak, (Secretary), Garth Klimchuk, Kathe Warner

Absent: Susan Purser

Guest (via Zoom): Malcomb Smith

1. Garth Klimchuk called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.
2. Approved meeting minutes of October 18, 2022 meeting. Bob, Cathy, Al, and Katherine approved.
3. Malcomb Smith –Small business software developer for energy usage analysis for small businesses and non-profit organizations. His organization provides no charge services to organizations creating score cards focusing on highest impact items for energy savings, green energy sources, etc. His organization generates revenue from projects (5% of project) installed (green energy) based on his recommendations. Malcomb developed a score card for the Town Hall building. The greatest impact would be a PV system installation and participation in community solar because we have already done most of the energy conservation work available on the building. We do potentially have some savings options to reduce our power costs by reducing the power usage peak for the building. The EV charging stations costs vs benefit is on the agenda for the select board meeting Wednesday. Malcomb's organization could potentially also help the Athenaeum. Cathy will refer Jodi to this organization.
4. Wind project transmission application status. Garth hasn't had any luck getting the single line diagram work done by Hudson. We will likely need to reach out to other Engineering Groups locally to see if someone in their office can provide EDM (Garth) and Hill (Cathy).
5. META Grant follow up. Submitted last Thursday. Great group effort by all involved. Cathy will reach out to Megan for any suggestions on the single line diagram engineering work. Cathy will also bring Megan up to date on the

META grant application and our timeline. Al will reach out to DOER for the expected date the META grants will be awarded.

6. Eversource Audits. Al and Kathe have reviewed the power bills attributed to the street lights and charges from recent bills. Compact Grants have been used by other towns in the past to fund the purchase and conversion to energy efficient lighting. These grants are not currently available. There are other questions about maintenance (certified personnel) of these street lights that remains open. We also need to consider shutting off some of these street lights. Eversource converted the town of Chicopee's street lights to energy efficient lighting. Kathe will pursue this avenue.
7. Confirm next meeting
  - December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 4 PM hybrid In-person and Zoom meeting.

Adjourned 4:50 pm



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Garth Klimchuk, Chair