

TOWN OF BECKET
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date February 18, 2020
Minutes

In Attendance: Cathy DeFoe, Garth Klumchuk,.
Bill Caldwell, Susan Purser, Chris Swindlehurst.

Absent: Bob Gross, Dan Parnell, Kathryn Hoak, Al Blake.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm.
2. Approved meeting minutes from October 2019 signed by Garth.
3. Current business items:
 - a. Discuss use of town solar RFP – Nothing new to report. The group did discuss adding PV systems on buildings throughout the town including the the town hall for a larger system to pay for mini splits as heat sources. Cathy will follow up with Chris Kilfoil to see if there is a system size we can propose to get more bidders. Chris will also follow up with a contact he knows to get this project going.
 - b. Status of Energy audit lighting work – This work has all been done except replacing the lights in fire station #1 due to lack of savings. This work at fire station #1 may be done as part of the Green Communities grant along with insulation. The deadline for this work is at the end of March.
 - c. Status of UU Mass municipal fuel use reduction through trialing telematics software. The contract has been submitted and we are waiting for delivery and installation.
 - d. Update on Eversource assessment. Work for this is ongoing and staff have been on site doing background work.
 - e. Municipal Aggregation status and makeup of committee. We were approved last week. We have the option of joining 25 towns in Berkshire County who are working on this so we would have a larger buying group for better options. The RFP will go out in the next few weeks.

4. Other business

a. Options for 2020 DOER competitive grant. Notes on this above regarding insulation on Firestation #1.

b. Discussion on potential wind turbine (suggested by BOS). The town of Otis has installed their own 1.6 megawatt wind turbine which is very beneficial financially. This is under exploration by the selectboard. Garth will check with a contact he has through eversource on substation upgrades, etc.

c. MVP status. Sandy went to the meeting and recommendations have been made and priorities are being set.

d. The unvailing of the EV station took place and was very successful. The media attended and attendees were able to test ride EV cars.

5. Next meeting 3/17. CMD not available and Garth may not be available either. Al, either move to following week or leave as is.

6. Adjourned at 4:50 pm.

____Al Blake 3/31/20_____

Al Blake, Chair