



# Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Present: Clyde Carson, Darren Blood, Bill Balsam, Sue Hemingway

## **1. Solar Array Update**

- A. The first Public hearing and public information session will be held on 2/3 At 7 PM at town hall for both municipal and precinct projects. The second public info session is scheduled for March 3 at 7PM at town hall. Darren brought signs that identify the site and advertise the meetings. Signs were designed and donated by Scott Hanwell of Dado Print. They will be posted at the proposed site at the transfer station. Darren will consult with Peter Ladd, Varick to construct a framework and method for posting. Sue will send thank you note to Scott.
- B. The EC requests to meet with George Horrocks from Harmony Solar for a dry run of the public info session to have an opportunity to provide input, Q and A, etc. Clyde will send a request for meeting to him, and suggest that a daytime meeting in Concord is possible for his convenience.
- C. Clyde shared a copy of the proposed warrant article, and EC suggestion is to add language about the site being currently town owned land at the Transfer Station. There was conversation about the project falling within the net metering cap, and Clyde assures us the project is in the queue with the state and thus eligible for net metering.

## **Action steps:**

- A. Pre- meeting with EC, Neil Nevins, Harmony Solar .....Clyde will arrange ASAP
- B. Post signs at transfer station. ....Darren
- C. Legal obligations, town meeting logistics.....Clyde
- D. Publicity: town newsletter, website, Concord Monitor..... Clyde
- E. Inter town Record. ....Kathy Carson
- F. Thank you to Scott.....Sue

## **2. Wood Bank Update**

- A. Please remind Mary and others who field requests at Town Hall that the wood bank is only accessible during Transfer Station hours. Reminding recipients of this will let them know that someone will call them back but there may be a delay of a day or so.
- B. There have been 2 requests for firewood so far this heating season.
- C. Sue will update the outreach flier, and contact CAP, school, church to remind them of the program. She will work with Erin (CAP) to develop a flier of local resources for wood bank recipients.
- D. Brayshaw printing generously donated materials and printing for a permanent sign to be posted at wood bank site. Darren will work with Pete and Varick to post. Thank you Darren for working with the sign donors.

## **3. Fire station Update**

The selectmen will request funds at town meeting to acquire some land, with the intent to have a building proposal ready for town meeting 2017.

#### **4. Town Energy Policy**

A. We propose the selectmen accept the following:

The Town of Warner is committed to sustainable operating practices, which include decreasing the Town's carbon footprint through energy conservation measures, renewable energy technologies, and products from sustainable sources.

- B. It will be the policy of the Town that Town officials and employees will take this goal into consideration as part of all decision making.
- C. The Warner Selectboard will review this policy at a minimum every 24 months and identify specific measures that should be taken to support the policy.
- D. Clyde agreed to present this policy for input and adoption at a selectboard meeting.
  - 1. Community education and outreach. The focus will be on upcoming public info sessions for the solar array and wood bank outreach efforts, both mentioned above.
  - 2. Town report. Darren agreed to write a draft for 2015 Town Report and will send to committee for edits. Clyde will write an update for next newsletter.

#### **5. Next meetings**

- A. Pre meeting with Harmony Solar Date TBA
- B. Energy Committee, February 10,2016 at 7 PM in selectboard office