



Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Present; Darren Blood, Clyde Carson, Sue Hemingway, Peter Ladd

1. Solar Array Update: The precinct array has been constructed and is ready for inspection before officially going online. The EC proposes holding a ribbon cutting/ open house event in conjunction with Harmony Solar, precinct, EC. The event may be planned for September, including the community, elected boards, Simonds School, and the media. There will be a kiosk with an educational focus.

We will begin planning for municipal array presentation for town meeting 2017. Clyde will contact George Horrocks to start the process. Clyde will submit mention of project in upcoming town newsletters. EC is available to speak about the project to community groups, it will be on the town website, and PR will begin in local newspapers. We will plan a public hearing after the precinct open house.

2. Wood Bank: Some new wood has been dropped off. We need to move current inventory and are not in need of more wood at this time.

3. Fire Station: The building committee has requested a directive from the EC about specific energy related needs, recommendations, and requirements for the new station. Discussion ensued. Sue sent a query to Margaret Dillon asking for guidance/referral, Clyde, Darren and Peter will ask professionals they know in the business for recommendations about where to begin.

The discussion included the following points; the feasibility and interest in building a carbon neutral building, recommending that an energy consultant be part of the project development and design team.

Ideas for resources include; the Jordan Institute, Margaret Dillon, Bob Irving, Clay Mitchell, Brian Adams, Froling, nhenergy.org

*We highly recommend a clerk of the works be hired to oversee the project.

- The town of Sunapee is paying for the bond on the fire station with their municipal hydropower plant.
- We will gather info from above resources and communicate by email by 6/29 with the intent of inviting a guest professional to EC meeting.
- River Protection Nomination Process. The committee plans to develop a presentation for local towns in order to garner support. There remains confusion about the process; it needs clarity about who decides; the voters, the selectboard? Clyde will ask Nancy Martin to clarify.

4. Charging station for electric vehicles. OEP is interested in a location between Concord and Hanover. Warner would be ideal. Parking spaces (2 likely) would be designated for that purpose. Do we want to investigate further?

5. Policy statement. Clyde has sent the statement to selectboard for approval.

6. Business development plan and energy discussion. The EC would like energy and conservation implications to be considered by the economic development committee. Before drafting a statement, we will attend their meeting to understand their stance. June 29 at 7 PM at town hall.

7. Master Plan: The information in the plan that we have been asked to edit is clearly out of date and needs to be rewritten. Clyde will inform new chair, Ben Frost, and ask for guidance.

Next meeting July 13, 2016