



Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Present: Clyde Carson, Peter Ladd, Darren Blood, Bill Balsam

1. **Solar Update**

a. A public Open house is planned for Saturday September 24 from 10-11 AM at the Warner water precinct site. Precinct and town officials, energy committee, and Harmony Solar (vendor and installer) will be present. Fliers have been developed and distributed to the library, MainStreet Bookends and the Chamber of Commerce. Clyde will inform the school and arrange for outreach via social media and town channels. It was suggested that the budget committee be invited, as well as other town departments.

b. Municipal solar array planning; we need to prep for budget committee, public information and outreach, contact vendor regarding validity of last proposal. CIP has been submitted. Outreach plan; talk to townspeople, our neighbors about reintroducing item on the warrant, have a presence at general election in November with fliers, available precinct data, poster.

2. **Wood Bank:** A cord has been offered to the fire dept for their raffle. Outreach fliers will be distributed to the following sites by the following individuals: Clyde; school, kiosk. Sue; CAP, church, library, Bookends, PO. There is enough wood already processed that we don't think it is necessary to hold a community work day this year. There is some minor clean up that the committee will address. Requests for emergency firewood can be made through the selectboard town office or CAP. Start date for recipients to get wood is December 1.

3. **Fire Station:** The building committee is making good progress and sent an RFP, due soon and found on the town website, for proposals to do conceptual design. It is crucial that an EC member go to meetings to keep energy issues front and center for this design and decision making process. The next meeting is on 9/21 at 6 PM. The energy committee recommends a cost benefit analysis of designs in respect to energy efficiency and that energy efficient design and mechanical systems are considered a priority in the selection process, as well as the presence of an energy expert on the team. The EC will suggest questions for Clyde to ask of vendors as part of the selection interview process, on October 5.

4. **Energy Policy:** Clyde will add the energy policy to the next selectboard agenda for their consideration and vote.

5. **River Protection:** The EC has followed the nomination process and in light of continued questions and confusion from residents and riverfront landowners about the effect and value of the program, has to date not endorsed the project.

6. **Master Plan:** Clyde will check with Ben Frost about details regarding the rewriting of the Energy Chapter.

7. **Economic Development Committee:** They meet on Fridays at 7 PM. The first meeting was apparently a discussion about marketing. How does the EC want to be involved, is there a role for us? A representative will try to attend an upcoming meeting.

8. **Electric Vehicle Week:** Sue attended the event in New London. Installing charging stations will increase the range of EV's. We can begin to explore whether there is interest from local businesses. Having charging stations at the park and ride could be something to pursue.

9. **EC Terms:** Do we want to have term limits? Do we want to plan to take summer months off? We would like more members, interest from the community. We will continue this discussion at next meeting.

Next Meeting: October 12,2016