



Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Attendance: Not indicated

1. Solar array. Ribbon cutting for the precinct array was held on 9/24, with Harmony Solar, Selectboard and EC representatives, and the general public in attendance. A Photo was published in Intertown Record. Clyde will contact the Monitor to do a story. Next steps for municipal solar array; a. Ray Martin has consented for EC to have an info table at general election on November 8th. EC members will be at the table, Sue can be there until about 11 am. b. Clyde will re apply to PUC and Eversource. c. Clyde and Darren will attend a fire Department meeting to provide more info and answer questions. d. Clyde will ask the con comm to walk the property. e. In January the EC will hand out flyers and at the transfer station. f. Letters will be sent to abutters inviting them to the public meeting.
2. Wood bank. There will be no official work day this year because we have a robust inventory. Some clean up will be done by members. Sue will make outreach visits to the school, CAP, church. Clyde will include notice of the availability of the wood bank for those in crisis, and that the annual volunteer wood stacking day is not needed this year, but will resume in fall 2017.
3. Fire station. Peter reports the building committee is making steady progress. Two finalists were selected out of 9 applicants to develop a concept proposal for town meeting. The Selectboard will make the final choice. Questions framed around Energy issues were asked of all applicants, and they are aware of the importance of this aspect of the process. EC intends to ensure a solid energy design is a fundamental part of the process.
4. Energy policy. The policy submitted by EC was accepted by the Selectboard.
5. River protection nomination. The group intends to present their case to the Selectboards of the 5 towns involved. It will be on the Warner Selectboard agenda on 10/25, and presented at a public meeting on 11/16. The EC remains unclear about the process and has not endorsed the nomination to date.
6. Master plan. We will rewrite the energy sections that are out of date. Clyde has sent a word version of the document for EC to edit.
7. Economic development committee. Role for EC involvement? Sue shared info from a HEAL NH conference citing evidence of improved health outcomes and higher home values in communities where healthy food choices and physical fitness activities are safely accessible by walking/biking. And decreased outcomes and property values near fast food businesses. This can make a case for complete streets policy, sidewalks on rte 103, rail trail.
8. Charging station for EV. New London EC may be a resource to Private business owners are interested in installing stations on their property. MainStreet Bookends and Schoodacs have both expressed interest.
9. EC Member terms. Tabled
10. Other: The Local energy conference is scheduled for 11/19 at the Grappone Center. Clyde plans to attend.
11. Darren will write a draft for the town report.

12. Street lamp replacement discussion. EC Recommends the town administrator contact Eversource to understand options.

Next meeting. 11/15. Note this is a Tuesday night. Clyde will post date change.