



# Warner Energy Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Energy Committee minutes 1/11/2017

Present: Bill Balsam, Darren Blood, Peter Ladd, Clyde Carson, Susan Hemingway. Neil Nevins was present for solar array portion of agenda.

1. Solar array update. Clyde has submitted a financing application for CDFA, and has had preliminary conversations with banks re financing options. He also applied for a grant with Rural Development. The array was presented to the Budget Committee, who had an opportunity to ask questions. George Horrocks, with Harmony Solar, will submit the relevant paperwork to Eversource. The committee discussed outreach and a PR plan for the solar array project and its inclusion on a warrant for town meeting vote; Clyde will ask the conservation commission to look at site and give approval and he will send courtesy letters notifying abutters of the project. Clyde would like to present the project to the fire department and the planning board as well. Darren will help put together a 2 sided information handout that includes case studies and data from the current precinct array, financial projections for proposed municipal array, informational meeting dates, and town meeting date. This information will be provided to Darren by Ray Martin, George Horrocks, and Clyde. Articles, press releases and features will be written and submitted to the Concord Monitor, Intertown Record, social media, and other sources of news and info. A phone calling system will be established to notify supporters of upcoming meetings and the importance of attending town meeting.  
We will meet on 1/24/17 at 7pm to assess outreach activities and plan for info sessions. Clyde will post this meeting.
2. Fire station update. Peter reports that North Branch was chosen as the construction manager for the project. The committee and design team are finalizing building features and needs. The NH Wood Council and NH Sustainable Energy Assn are good resources for the committee as they consider mechanical systems for heat. The energy committee supports the building committee in their endeavor to consider renewable energy, efficient design and construction.
3. Wood Bank. 4 requests for firewood have been filled this month bringing the total for the season to 6. CAP granted fuel assistance money earlier than usual this year due to extreme cold. The system seems to be working smoothly with requests for firewood made through town hall. It would be appreciated if recipients can arrange to transport their firewood if possible as we depend on volunteers and their availability and work schedules.
4. Master Plan rewrite. The original chapter is being edited by the EC. Some portions need rewriting and further discussion by the committee. This was tabled. Clyde will check with Ben Frost re time line.
5. Economic development subcommittee. The group will come before the selectmen soon to report their ideas and intent. Energy considerations in relation to business and economic development are part of the master plan.
6. Electric vehicle charging stations. Bookends and Schoodacs are interested in learning more.

Next meeting: Tuesday January 24, 2017 at 7 PM at Warner Town Hall