



# Warner Energy Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

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

### **1. Solar Array Update**

The site has been logged and stumped. Further prep work will be done by town crew and will involve some boulder removal, fill, and grading. This work is expected to be done next week, with solar vendor beginning the installation around the first week of July.

July 9 is the 1 year anniversary of the precinct array which is expected to produce significantly above projections. Clyde reports that Yankee Cable Network plans to do a feature. We expect to receive \$43,000 from rural development.

### **2. Fire station update**

The EC representative to the building committee reports that Allan Brown, Chair, requests specific input from EC about the design, structure, mechanicals. EC appreciates and recognizes the significance of the request. We do not have expert qualifications within our committee and continue to recommend the Selectboard and building committee do due diligence to ensure the project meets high energy standards for design, construction, material, and mechanical systems by engaging an energy expert who can look at the entire system.

The community survey results conducted in March 2016 show residents rated energy efficiency as #2 priority after #1; meeting the needs of the fire department. The energy policy adopted by Selectboard reflects this commitment.

EC recommends an energy expert/consultant be engaged ASAP at this point in the design process to perform energy modeling, analyze cost benefits of structure, advise on emerging technology, etc., so that we build the most efficient structure feasible.

This recommendation was also briefly documented in the EC May 2017 minutes, which will be sent to Allan Brown. The EC will also draft a more specific letter to be sent by the end of next week. Darren will assist Clyde to develop questions to present at next Selectboard meeting. He suggests Clyde also use the questions posed to firms at initial interview.

**3. Wood Bank:** No report.

### **4. River Protection Nomination**

EC suggests the protected status is unnecessary, has had issues with the process. A committee meeting is scheduled for this Friday night, 6/16 to prep for public hearing scheduled for July.

**5. Master Plan** We began to edit the introduction, last 2 sections, and summary. Darren will circulate his draft for comment and edits. Clyde will gather data to include in the update.

### **6. Study With UNH**

Clyde reports he has had preliminary discussion with Roy Morrison and Neil Nevins about a study with UNH and CDFR to look at residential and small business solar, microgrid, storage. More information will come.

**7. Business and Economic Development Committee:** No discussion this month.

Next meeting July 7/12/17.