



# Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 7, 2018

The meeting opened around 7:00 pm.

Attendance: Sue Hemingway, Peter Ladd, Darren Blood, Clyde Carson, Bill Balsam

Municipal Solar Array update. The array is producing above expectations. The project is complete once reconciliation with state incentives and invoices from vendor are finalized. The Selectboard approved keeping the security camera located at the Dept public works garage and aimed at the array. The salt shed will be moved to allow space for an informational kiosk. Pete Ladd has been asked if he'd be willing to design/build kiosk. A monitor displaying real time production is suggested for the library and transfer station. A pollinator flower mix is being planned for ground cover under the array. A suggestion is that the site be used as a bee field, and a local bee keeper might be interested in managing it. Darren mentioned that a supply of loam might be available from a park and rec project.

Community Micro grid update. There is no update from the group that presented this project at a recent EC meeting. We note an article in the Green Mt Times publication that highlights the project. We expect to hear updates from the group in order to be kept informed.

Wood bank activities. The recent frigid weather prompted several requests. So far this heating season the wood bank has served 6 community residents. The inventory is holding so far, and the wood bank continues to provide wood to those experiencing hardship. Collaboration with CAP is going well. Clyde reports the selectboard have discussed funding the position of a welfare director for the town. This role would be key in coordinating resources and efforts to help those in need.

Fire station building committee update. The EC understands that Energy expert Margaret Dillon has been engaged by committee and she has submitted a report. We are not aware of the results, and request to see a copy. The EC remains concerned about energy efficiencies of design; notably extent of insulation in walls and slab.

Revise EC statement for town report. Darren will edit the report for EC.

Master plan chapter, discuss future goals for inclusion. We engaged in a brief Discussion about a long term goal of energy independence. Can Warner strive to be "off the grid" or energy independent? What are the steps we need to take? Ideas include Engage business community, the economic development committee. Discussion tabled for next meeting.

Next meeting: February 14, 2018 at 7 PM

Recorder of the minutes: Sue Hemingway