



Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Present; Darren Blood, Ian Pahl, Sue Hemingway, Bill Balsam, Clyde Carson

We welcomed Ian to the EC and appreciate his interest.

1. Solar Array Update: The salt shed has been moved and discussion /preparations are underway to design an info kiosk, to sow a flower pollinator mix, and engage a beekeeper to keep hives on site. Beekeeper has asked the town to review liability coverage re injury that might occur. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled this summer when ground cover is established. Clyde will investigate to determine if the transfer station is in fact the net metering host.
2. Fire Station Update: Construction is slated to begin within 2 weeks.
3. Wood Bank Update: We hope to distribute the cord wood on site before next heating season. Outreach to CAP has been made. June 2 is the tentative volunteer work day, depending on site work. Darren will confirm with Varick.
4. 100% Renewable Warner: Hanover and Plainfield have committed toward 100% renewables. There are different models communities can adopt to help reach for this goal; Ready for 100 sponsored by Sierra Club, Vital Communities (upper valley) supported solar program, Revision's energize 360'. Sue will invite Sarah Brock, Warner resident and staff at Vital Communities to speak about her experience in Upper Valley. It will be important for us to define what 100% renewable Warner means, to clarify the goal. Clyde will investigate whether the town has the authority to implement a tax abatement and remove cap for residential and business properties. In other news a revolving net metering account may now be set up to allow proceeds from array to go to direct costs, debt service, etc.
5. Microgrid Project: Clyde and Neil Nevins plan to meet with Cliff Below in Lebanon to learn more about their experience. Clyde also plans to attend an energy storage conference in Manchester. He will meet with Roy Morrison to discuss more details and logistics and suggests pausing the project for a year.
6. Other: Master Plan, community education/outreach. Clyde will check in with Ben Frost re due date for EC chapter revision. EC thinks it is important to include an up to date revision with clear goals. The economic development committee is designing a new website, and the consensus is that an Energy Committee presence is important. Community outreach and education events can be planned to complement and encourage 100% renewable Warner project. More to come on this topic.
7. Next meeting - May 9th at 7 PM