



Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Present: Clyde Carson, Peter Ladd, Bill Balsam, Darren Blood, Ian Pahl, Sue Hemingway. Guest Sarah Brock from Vital Communities of the Upper Valley.

- 1) Sarah shared some of the projects she's been involved in; she listed towns in the upper valley that have petitioned their communities to go 100% renewable energy. (Plainfield, Cornish, Lebanon, Hanover, New London) She will forward contact info from these communities so we can reach out. She shared info about solarize upper valley and weatherization programs that have been undertaken. COVER, a volunteer organization in White River Junction, works with contractors to weatherize homes of low income residents; air sealing, Windows, etc. Ian mentioned that Revision Energy either has or may be willing to partner with an efficiency contractor and a non profit to do a similar project in our area.
- 2) Micro grid project. Clyde shared that he has been talking with Cliff Below and Henry Herndon, Neil Nevins, and also with Eversource (Mr LeBrec and Mr Folsom)to flesh out the project and determine who would be potential partners. Clyde reports that he thinks Eversource needs to be on board. The Carsey Institute at UNH is involved as well, and the idea is to develop a pilot in Warner that includes business, residential and low income residential for solar power, storage, time of use. The time line is 1-2 years out to get underway. Not clear on EC role in this project.
- 3) Solar array update. Peter reports that he spoke with Tim Allen at town shed/ solar site about placement of info kiosk/structure. Tim has ideas about placement in regard to best drainage, etc. Peter has designed a structure for consideration. A group including Peter, Tim, PAI, and Neil Nevins will meet to discuss optimum site for structure. Funding for construction needs to be confirmed. Clyde will draft a warrant article to raise the limit of exemptions for solar and wind on property taxes.
- 4) Fire Station update, there is no clerk of the works position for this project. There is 3rd party testing as part of the work flow.
- 5) Wood bank. No report
- 6) Master plan; there is no specific time line to update plan. Clyde will enter new data so we can update narrative to present to planning board.
- 7) Economic development committee. Clyde reports it was too late to include a question about energy issues in the survey that went out to the town. The EDC is developing a tourist brochure, updating their website. Discussion about EC having a voice in the economic development plan.
- 8) Other. Clyde reports a letter of interest was submitted for a grant to install sidewalks on 103 west toward market basket.
- 9) NH Telephone Museum has expressed interest in installing an EV charging station using a tesla universal charger. Comment was made about a DOT initiative to expand EV stations along rte 89.
- 10) Next meeting September 12, 2018.

Happy Summer!