



Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Present: Clyde Carson, Ian Pahl, Sue Hemingway, Peter Ladd, Bill Balsam, guest/ prospective member Harry Seidel.

1. Solar array updates/initiatives. Clyde reported there are funds for landscaping under the municipal array, loam will be spread and a pollinator mix planted hopefully before year end. Additionally, PAI has expressed interest in developing a landscape plan. Bee keepers will be approached with the opportunity to place hives. The info kiosk design and site still in discussion stage. The approach and site work will be done by town. Estimate of building design and construction TBD by Peter Ladd. The town missed an opportunity to receive first quarter REC payments because paperwork was not submitted on time.
2. Microgrid project. Clyde continues the conversation about a pilot project in Warner with the Carsey institute, NH Sustainable energy association, Eversource, others. As part of the "Alternative net metering tariff" Eversource must engage in a community initiative. This pilot project would ID locations in town of low and moderate income, business, etc. Clyde will present a preliminary idea to the select board, and file a petition of intervention with PUC. He is exploring funders, partners, etc. The EC is considering their role. By The October EC meeting Clyde will have met with the selectboard, the PUC.
3. Wood Bank update. Site work at transfer station is in process, and the volunteer work day to be determined pending site conditions. Ian and Harry offered to assist with deliveries to residents. Harry suggested he may have a source of kindling.
4. Fire station update. Construction reported to be on schedule.
5. Solarize campaign information. Ian reports the process can be lengthy. This doesn't appear to be a high priority of the EC at this time.
6. Meetings; Ian intends to attend Kearsarge climate action meeting tomorrow. Sue attended the NE grassroots conference, met like minded individuals, no definitive outcome or plan, but more of a brainstorming and networking opportunity.
7. Master plan rewrite. Consensus is that this needs to be done. Clyde has access to data. A revision of some text has been started, and Harry mentioned an interest in working on this. As an example, he suggests promoting higher building code standards.
8. Clyde reported the sidewalk project was not eligible for this round of funding.
9. Economic development committee. They are working on a website and a tourist brochure. There was a discussion about EC having input regarding the value of a sustainable, environmentally sensitive component.

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October 10, 2018