



Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Present; Darren Blood, Bill Balsam, Harry Seidel, Clyde Carson, Sue Hemingway

1. Solar Array update. Loam has been spread under the array to be seeded in Spring. Clyde will present a line item at Town Meeting Re. revolving account to pay expenses. A warrant article to eliminate a cap on solar tax abatement was also discussed.
2. Microgrid project update. Clyde reports the CAP owned senior housing property is interested in participating. Details still to be worked out but the concept involves installing solar at various sites in town, with weatherization, heat pumps, and battery storage as components of project. They are looking at a grant for low-moderate income homes, and involvement from Eversource. Ian and Harry are interested in the weatherization component and have connected with the Kearsarge group in New London. A volunteer training will be held at Tracy library in New London on 1/9 at 11 AM. They are looking for more volunteers.
3. Wood Bank update. A Volunteer workday was held on 11/17 and about a dozen people showed up to help split and stack 6-7 cords. Individuals needing an emergency supply of wood for heating should contact Mary at Selectboard office. There is an expectation of respect for privacy of individuals making requests. Sue will remind the church and Simonds School about the wood bank resource and process.
4. Fire station. Pete Ladd sent a message to this committee stating that additional insulation has been installed beneath the floor slab. Clyde reports the building is scheduled for occupancy in January.
5. Master Plan rewrite. We decided to form a subcommittee to look at the energy chapter to update and likely to completely rewrite. Harry and Bill are interested and will begin to work on it. Components of the Energy Committee chapter will include present state, past accomplishments, relevant data, and short and long term goals. Vision may include 100% Renewable Warner. (As we define it). Darren will send the latest edited version out.
6. Economic development committee. They are working on the website and a brochure. We discussed having an energy tab on the website to highlight a summary of past and current projects, to include mission statement and energy policy. If we decide to do this we'd include website discussion as a regular agenda item.
7. Community education and outreach. Harry shared the article he is working on about "Climate Crisis". He is planning to submit for local publication after more editing. He will do this on his own, not under auspices of EC.
8. Energy Committee member term length. Clyde reports that we need to establish terms. There was discussion about whether this is necessary. Clyde confirmed this, and states when term expires and the individual is interested in remaining on the committee, the process would be to let Mary know we are interested in renewing. Three year terms were decided, with the longest serving up for renewal first; Peter and Sue 2019; Darren and Bill 2020; Ian and Harry 2021. David Swords was removed from the official committee list, as he has not attended a meeting in several years.

Next meeting is January 23, 2019. No December meeting.