



Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

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

1. Solar array update. No report on array. Clyde has drafted 2 warrant articles to present for vote at town meeting. One is related to the ability to pro rate. There is a suggestion to add the word "maintenance " to the line item. The other article removes the assessment cap of \$35,000.
2. Microgrid project update. Through the PUC a low to moderate income grant may fund a pilot project for solar generation, storage, and heat pump systems at the senior housing site on North Road. Eversource involvement is uncertain.
3. Solarize Kearsarge. There is a public information meeting scheduled for this Saturday in New London. Clyde will try to attend. Harry is willing to help on a limited basis with volunteer engagement. We need volunteers to help operationalize this program, to assist homeowners in application process. We had a discussion about ways to engage volunteers and advertise program. Ideas include town newsletter, posting materials in locations in Warner. Darren will contact Jamie Hess, the program coordinator, to get materials. Sue will let Erin Reed at CAP know about program once we have more information.
4. Wood Bank Update. There have been 4 households served by the wood bank so far this heating season. Peter had a conversation with a member of the Chandler Commission and they may be interested in partnering to be a source of cordwood. Sue has reminded the school, CAP, and church of wood bank resource.
5. Fire station update . Not discussed.
6. Master plan chapter review . We discussed how we want to proceed to accomplish chapter revision. Next EC agenda will include considerable time to review data (usage, patterns, change), and to determine future plans, goals. Preliminary ideas include a sidewalk to exit 9, zoning related to buildings, Renewable power generation, conservation.
7. Economic development committee. Discussion about whether this should remain an agenda item. While they are currently focused on a website, some on the EC think the relationship between energy use/conservation and business development merits mutual communication.
8. Town report EC submission review. Darren drafted the submission, which the EC approved.
9. Community education/outreach. The EC would like to submit an energy related article for each issue of the town newsletter. See also Solarize Kearsarge note #3 above.
10. Next meeting. February 27, 2019, 7 PM at Warner Town Hall, Selectboard Office

The only agenda item is Master Plan energy chapter revision. (Other items of critical importance can be included)