



Warner Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Present: Susan Hemingway, Clyde Carson, Pete Ladd, Darren Blood, Bill Balsam, Harry Seidel

Other than brief updates, the Agenda tonight will focus on the revision to the energy chapter of the master plan.

1. Weatherize Kearsarge; Harry and Sue have held 2 info sessions for residents interested in learning about the program. Four households expressed interest; several other residents have applied online. Materials about this program and Solarize Kearsarge have been requested from Vital Communities. Clyde and Harry will have this material available to hand out voting day and at town meeting.
2. Wood bank has had 2 more requests. Once there is a thaw Darren and Peter plan to move the tin roofing.
3. Clyde will submit two warrant articles related to solar; one raises the cap for exemption and the other establishes a revolving account from which principal and interest on the bond can be paid.
4. Master plan discussion. For remainder of the meeting we discussed the role of the EC, especially our long and short term goals. The current and looming climate crisis is motivation for us to recommend action. Following is a list of goals discussed;

Long Range:

Warner should aim to use 100% renewable energy by _____, including solar, wind, hydro, biomass.

The community of Warner will be a model and "green" as "brand".

All aspects of community; transportation, food, health and wellness, buildings, economic, land use, business, energy conservation, education, etc. will have energy and community resilience as a pillar.

Short Range:

Composting

Sidewalks; Main Street toward the west as priority.

Streetlights

Complete Streets; walk ability, bicycling, etc.

Reduce municipal energy consumption

Educate community about climate issues, energy conservation

Zoning, building code

Electric vehicle charging stations

Continue to retrofit buildings ID'd in the energy audit

Regular EC submissions in the town newsletter

Promote Warner as a model "green" community and host green, businesses.

Bill Balsam has agreed to develop an EC vision statement for consideration at next meeting

Next meeting is April 24 at 7 PM