



**Minutes for Town of Pawlet Energy Group
Pawlet, VT
Monday, August 22, 2016, 12:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room**

Members Present:

Elizabeth Gibson, egib@vermontel.net
Ken Friedman, kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com
Nancy Morlino, nancym259@aol.com
Harry Van Meter, hevanmeter@gmail.com

Members Absent:

Sue LaPorte, susanlaporte53@yahoo.com

Others Present:

Frank Nelson, West Pawlet

Others Copied:

Deb Hawkins, pawletclerk@vermontel.net

Purpose of Meeting: To foster discussion of topics relevant to the awareness of energy use, efficiency and conservation within the Town of Pawlet and to establish and promote guidelines for the implementation of the energy initiatives set down in the Town Plan.

Item 1: Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the last monthly meeting on July 25, 2016 have been distributed and posted at the town website, <http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices/energy-group/>. There were no corrections.

Item 2: Solar Proposal for Town Landfill

Bhima Nitta of Power Guru of Southern Vermont will be coming sometime this month to walk the site. Positive Energy of Granville has still not replied to Nancy's inquiries. Clean Energy Design is waiting to hear back from us by the end of September. Nancy contacted GMP and sent them a site map and will follow up. One consideration is whether the renewable energy credits would stay in the state of VT or not 500 kW is the maximum size for keeping the credits in-state. After some discussion, the group concurred that its recommendation to the Select Board would be to go with a proposal wherein the credits would remain in VT.

Item 3: Solar Project at Mettawee Community School

Nancy said that this project is still on hold while the UD 47 School Board is preoccupied with the redistricting process related to Act 47

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Item 4: Energy Fair at Town Hall

Fall would be the best time in terms of attendance, but someone needs to have the time to organize this event. Nancy will find out from Innovation Center of GMP how much work is involved. Target date: Mid-November. Location: Town Hall auditorium.

Item 5: Audience

Frank Nelson talked again about a vision for off-grid, self-sustaining communities based on the ReGen Model.

Item 6. Next Meeting Date and Agenda

The next regular monthly meeting of the Pawlet Energy Group is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2016, 12 PM, at the Town Hall.

The agenda for that meeting will be:

- Review minutes from last meeting (5 minutes)
- Old business: landfill solar site, school project, energy fair, PACE program (30 minutes)
- New business: conference call with Ben Bolaski of SunCommon
- Audience (10 minutes)

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Gibson