

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: Monday, February 23, 2015 @ 12:00 noon

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

Members in Attendance: Sue LaPorte sel53@vermontel.net
Harry Van Meter hevanmeter@gmail.com
Elizabeth Gibson egib@vermontel.net

Members Absent: Nancy Morlino nancym259@aol.com
Cintia Morrissey amiconst@gmail.com
Ken Friedman kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com

Others in Attendance

Others copied

Purpose/Intent 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. The Group, at the request of the Pawlet Planning Commission, is working on revising the energy section of the Town Plan for 2015.

If it is believed that these meeting notes are not complete, accurate, or in context, please notify the undersigned of such discrepancy within ten days following receipt of this record.

Item key: xx.xx.xx – first 2 digits indicate year, second 2 digits indicate month and last 2 digits indicate item of discussion.

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01.01.01	Meeting Minutes	The minutes from our last meeting on January 26, 2015 meeting have been approved and posted at the town website, http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices/energy-group/ .	EG
01.01.02	PACE program	In preparation for Town Meeting, Elizabeth will talk with Tara Bartlik of Efficiency Vermont to discuss any questions that residents might raise regarding the PACE article on the town election ballot. Elizabeth will try to answer any questions that come up at Town Meeting, as Efficiency V is unable to send a representative that night. The article asks voters to make Pawlet a PACE district (property assessed clean energy), with Efficiency Vermont as the program administrator. The background information on PACE is in the town report, which has also been posted at the town website.	EG
01.01.03	Pawlet Streetlight Study	Nancy reported via email that the 20 fixtures identified in our study have been removed from the posts. A credit will be issued to the Town for these fixtures. Presently we are awaiting receipt of invoice from Efficiency Vermont to initiate LED conversion of the remaining lights. Nancy will contact EV to make sure invoicing is in the works.	NM
01.01.04	Energy Section of Pawlet Town Plan	Elizabeth attended the January meeting of the Pawlet Planning Commission and is now in contact with Barbara Noyes Pulling from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, who is helping the Town revise the Pawlet Town Plan. Elizabeth also plans to attend future Planning Commission meetings. An important theme of the energy section will be to stress weatherization and solar panels where suitable.	EG
01.01.05	VT Council on Rural Development Climate Summit	Elizabeth reported on the climate summit at VT Technical College last week, where she met up with some other town energy group members in a community-based climate action working group. It looks like the state will move on adopting a carbon pollution tax in the next few	EG

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01.01.05 Cont.	VT Council on Rural Development Climate Summit, continued	years. Another statewide initiative will be a weatherization/solar challenge to be completed by 2017, before certain energy tax credits and incentives expire.	
01.01.06	Weatherization of town buildings	The group talked about future weatherization efforts in the town, including the possibility of putting rooftop solar panels on the Mettawee Community School. Measures to date have included insulating the town hall and the library.	
14.11.07	Next meeting	The next meeting of the Pawlet Energy Group is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2015, 12 PM, at the Town Hall.	

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Gibson, Temporary Secretary