

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: Monday, January 26, 2015 @ 12:00 noon

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

Members in Attendance: Elizabeth Gibson egib@vermontel.net
Nancy Morlino nancym259@aol.com

Members Absent: Sue LaPorte sel53@vermontel.net
Harry Van Meter hevanmeter@gmail.com
Cintia Morrissey amiconst@gmail.com
Ken Friedman kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com

Others in Attendance: Charlie Mason pawletlister@vermontel.net
Deb Hawkins pawletclerk@vermontel.net

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 November 24, 2014 meeting have been approved and posted at the town website, http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices/energy-group/ .	EG
01.01.02	PACE program	The Select Board has put the PACE article on the town election ballot. The article asks voters to make Pawlet a PACE district (property assessed clean energy), with Efficiency Vermont as the program administrator. Elizabeth has prepared background information on PACE for the town report, which has also been posted at the town website (see above link). She is in contact with Efficiency Vermont to arrange for a representative from that organization to be present at town meeting in case any questions come up about this article. Deb Hawkins said that person should be present from 7:30 to 8:30 PM on town meeting night. Elizabeth and Nancy also agreed to include the background info in the next issue of the Pawlet Newsletter, which is scheduled to be distributed before town meeting.	EG
01.01.03	Pawlet Streetlight Study	<p>The Select Board made a motion at a recent meeting to turn off the 20 selected streetlights permanently. Nancy has reported that decision to Green Mountain Power, and the lights will be permanently removed as soon as possible. The Town will start receiving credit for this change immediately. No further comments were received from town residents regarding the lights designated for removal.</p> <p>Conversion of the remaining lights to LEDs will be started as soon as the Town receives and pays the conversion invoice from Efficiency Vermont.</p>	
01.01.04	Energy Section of Pawlet Town Plan	Elizabeth will attend the Pawlet Planning Commission meeting tonight to coordinate with the person at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission who will be leading this effort.	EG

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01.01.05	Efficiency Vermont Community Forum	Elizabeth said that the forum in Brandon, which was cancelled in December due to weather, is now set for Thursday, February 19 at the Neshobe Elementary School, 6-7:30 PM, as Efficiency Vermont continues to seek public input on its priorities for the next three years. Elizabeth will forward this info to other PEG group members.	EG
01.01.06	Hydropower Plant	Nancy mentioned that the ongoing renovation of Mach's Market calls for using a hydropower plant, and that Gib Mach is working with Efficiency Vermont on this.	
14.11.07	Next meeting	The next meeting of the Pawlet Energy Group is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015, 12 PM, at the Town Hall.	

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Gibson, Temporary Secretary