



**Minutes for Town of Pawlet Energy Group  
Pawlet, VT  
Monday, July 25, 2016, 12:00 PM  
Town Hall Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

Elizabeth Gibson, [egib@vermontel.net](mailto:egib@vermontel.net)  
Nancy Morlino, [nancym259@aol.com](mailto:nancym259@aol.com)  
Harry Van Meter, [hevanmeter@gmail.com](mailto:hevanmeter@gmail.com)

**Members Absent:**

Sue LaPorte, [susanlaporte53@yahoo.com](mailto:susanlaporte53@yahoo.com)  
Ken Friedman, [kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com](mailto:kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com)

**Others Present:**

Frank Nelson, West Pawlet

**Others Copied:**

Deb Hawkins, [pawletclerk@vermontel.net](mailto: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 June 27, 2016 have been distributed and posted at the town website, <http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices/energy-group/>. There were no corrections.

**Item 2: Clean Energy Design Solar Proposal for Town Landfill**

The Select Board has made their site visit and did not find any issues, depending on the ultimate size of the field. The Board would prefer that a local contractor handle this project. Nancy has contacted Power Guru of Southern Vermont and Positive Energy of Granville, NY, and is waiting to hear back. Bhima Nitta of Power Guru has expressed interest. Nancy said that she is also planning to contact Dan Mackey at GMP to see if they are interested in doing this project themselves. On other developments, Nancy said that John Thrasher had reviewed CEDG's proposed lease agreement and did have some comments.

Harry emphasized that the Town should ask for a detailed report from anyone who proposes an installation, which is what we did not get for the project off of Route 30 just beyond Blossoms Corner. Harry also said that he will keep the Pawlet Planning Commission updated on this project.

## **Pawlet Energy Group Meeting Notes**

July 25, 2016 @ 12:00 noon

Page 2 of 2

### **Item 3: Solar Project at Mettawee Community School**

Nancy has conferred with Sarah Post, who is a member of the UD 47 School Board. The Board continues to be mainly focused on the redistricting process related to Act 47. For now, they have tabled the draft RFP for a potential solar installation in the field behind the school. This installation would be a 150-KW field behind the parking lot area.

### **Item 4: Audience**

Frank Nelson expressed concern that the Town is not moving fast enough on conversion to solar-based energy systems. He talked about a vision for off-grid, self-sustaining communities based on the ReGen Model.

### **Item 5: Energy Fair at Town Hall**

This event would need to be planned 2-3 months in advance. We should set the date at our next meeting on August 22 so we can start coordinating with the school. We also need to decide whether to have the fair at the school or at the Town Hall.

### **Item 6. Next Meeting Date and Agenda**

The next regular monthly meeting of the Pawlet Energy Group is scheduled for Monday, August 22, 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: any new items from group members (15 minutes)
- Audience (10 minutes)

*Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Gibson*