

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Date and Time: Monday July 28, 2014 @ 12:00 noon

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Cintia Morrissey amiconst@gmail.com
Sue LaPorte sel53@vermontel.net

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, will take a lead role in revising the **Energy** section of the Town Plan for 2015.

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
14.07a.01	Replacement of Town Street Lights	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Group reviewed Nancy's recommendations based on the requests from the Selectboard regarding the elimination of some street lights;2. Selectboard agreed that 24 would be eliminated (11 in Pawlet Village and 13 in West Pawlet Village);	

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none">Nancy said the Selectboard requested a 3-month trial period, rather than our proposed 6 months, in which the lights would be turned off – this will happen between Sept. 1, 2014 and Dec. 31, 2014;Nancy said that the Selectboard does not see the need to post each light pole;Nancy said the Select Board does not see the need for a public meeting during the trial period, so community residents can voice their objections;Elizabeth will put an article in the Pawlet Newsletter stating that the Selectboard supports the fixture cutback with public notification, as well as a notice on the PEG web page announcing the trial shut-offs;Nancy will set up an email address PawletEnergyGroup@gmail.com for residents to send comments;Nancy said that CVPS told her that it is very difficult to get a pole-by-pole depreciation schedule, but that all the light fixtures were replaced in 2009 with halogen lights;Harry asked if we could apply for grant money to implement the replacements as soon as possible. Nancy said that Efficiency Vermont will pay \$1,000/fixture toward replacement.	
14.07a.02	Town Energy Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Elizabeth redistributed the Word file of the Thetford Town Plan Energy section – it was agreed that the Group will research sources shown in the TTP and use the charts in the appendix in our section;There is 1 more meeting before the Group needs to submit our final draft of the outline for the Energy section of the 2015 Town Plan;Elizabeth said she will work on the outline this week and email it to everyone;Harry suggested we use Google.docs or a	

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		conference call to collaborate on completion of the outline, since we need to have it complete by our next meeting	
		5. Harry will contact the Wentworths on rt 153 West Pawlet to discuss their experience with a geothermal system they installed over a year ago.	
14.07a.03	PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy)	1. There was no further discussion on this topic at this meeting.	
14.07a.04	Next meeting	Monday August 25, 2014 @ 12:00 noon in the Pawlet Town Hall.	

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary