

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: Monday, June 22, 2015 @ 12:00 noon

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

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

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

Others in Attendance: Karen Folger porchhillk@comcast.net

Others copied: Deb Hawkins pawletclerk@vermontel.net

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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15.06.01	Meeting Minutes	The minutes from our last meeting on May 25, 2015, have been distributed and posted at the town website, http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices/energy-group/ .	EG
15.06.02	PACE program	Nancy will check with Sarah Ludlam to see if the Select Board has formally adopted the PACE Program. The board had asked John Thrasher to review the paperwork received from Efficiency Vermont after the voters approved Pawlet as a PACE district (property assessed clean energy), with Efficiency Vermont as the program administrator, in the March town election.	NM
15.06.03	Energy Section of Pawlet Town Plan	Barbara Noyes Pulling, the consultant from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission who is helping the Pawlet Planning Commission draft the 2015 Town Plan, has written a draft energy chapter based on the outline that the PEG sent her last month. Elizabeth will review the chapter to see how it reflects the outline and will then ask the rest of the group for comments. The goal is to finish this chapter by our July 27 meeting. Ken brought up some technical issues regarding Pawlet's position with regard to the state's Comprehensive Energy Plan goals, the feasibility of biomass and hydropower – all of which will be considered and incorporated into the draft as necessary over the next month.	All
15.06.04	Town Hall heating system for auditorium	Karen Folger updated us on the status of this effort: Rich Baker, the heating contractor who is submitting an estimate for this job, is sorting out an issue with the air handler sizing, so we are still waiting to get his bid. Elizabeth will call Ed Cleveland to confirm that he is aware of the situation.	EG

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15.06.05	Solar Array for Mettawee Community School	Nancy is planning to attend a UD#47 board meeting to discuss this topic with them	NM
15.06.06	Converting Town Hall fluorescent lights to LED fixtures	Nancy has discussed this with Efficiency Vermont and says that it may not be cost-effective to switch out the lights unless the fixtures need to be replaced anyway; it depends on the type of fixture. This is a Town Hall maintenance issue for the Select Board.	
15.06.07	Future Activities	Our work on the energy section of the Town Plan over the next month will identify some projects to focus on over the next year or two, such as the feasibility of hydropower for Pawlet and other energy options that need to be studied more fully.	All
15.06.08	Next meeting	The next meeting of the Pawlet Energy Group is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2015, 12 PM, at the Town Hall.	

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Gibson, Temporary Secretary