



**Minutes for Town of Pawlet Energy Group  
Pawlet, VT  
Monday, June 27, 2016, 12:00 PM  
Town Hall Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Sue LaPorte, susanlaporte53@yahoo.com

**Others Copied:**

Deb Hawkins, 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.

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**Item 1: Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the last monthly meeting on April 25, 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**

Per Nancy's suggestion, the Select Board will make a site visit and will determine whether to pass the proposed lease agreement on to John Thrasher for legal review. The original proposal for a 1-MW installation requiring 5 acres, has now been increased to 1.6 MW on 8 acres. This means it might encroach on the rail trail, and the board is concerned about that. Nancy will attend the July 5 Select Board meeting to see what they decide. Harry will bring this matter up at the Pawlet Planning Commission meeting tonight.

One question is whether the proposed installation would be subject to Act 250 review. Nancy says that the total plot size is 30.8 acres.

**Item 3: Other Potential Solar Site in West Pawlet Industrial Zone**

Nancy said that the large field on the other side of the slate quarry, behind Audrey Nelson's house, is no longer being considered because there is no ready access to 3-phase power.

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### **Item 4: Solar Project at Mettawee Community School**

Nancy and Sarah Post, who is a member of the UD 47 School Board, have drafted an RFP for a potential solar installation in the field behind the school, but right now the board is so busy with redistricting matters (Act 47) that they can't pursue this project till later.

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

This event is now planned for some time next winter; Elizabeth will update Ben Bolaski of SunCommon, as he had expressed interest in participating.

### **Item 6. Next Meeting**

The next regular monthly meeting of the Pawlet Energy Group is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2016, 12 PM, at the Town Hall.

*Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Gibson*