

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: Thursday June 4, 2014 @ 12:00 noon

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

Members in Attendance: Sue LaPorte sel53@vermontel.net
Elizabeth Gibson egib@vermontel.net
Harry Van Meter hevanmeter@gmail.com
Ken Friedman kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com

Members Absent: Cintia Morrissey amiconst@gmail.com
Nancy Morlino nancym259@aol.com

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>
14.06.01	Replacement of Town Street Lights	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Group reviewed Nancy's synopsis of the report she made last month (attached hereto for reference);2. In it Nancy outlined Efficiency Vermont guidelines, existing fixture age, cost of operating and safety issues;3. Nancy appeared to indicate 12 existing	

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		lights in West Pawlet village and 9 existing in Pawlet village that can be eliminated out of a total of 64 fixtures throughout the Town;	
		4. Elizabeth will contact Nancy for clarification that these are fixtures to be eliminated;	EG
		5. Once clarified, PEG will submit to the Select Board for consideration;	
		6. It was agreed that the list to the Select Board should include a complete list of fixtures to be taken out of service and a list of fixtures that PEG would recommend adding in new locations.	
14.06.02	Town Energy Plan	1. EG's outline for the re-writing of the energy section was submitted to the Planning Commission on Monday May 26 th by SLP and was discussed next;	
		2. It was agreed that to formulate a community energy vision we must find out more about supply and demand within our region, as well as the impact this has on land development;	
		3. To understand the energy profile for the Town we need to find out more on:	
		a. What the state and regional-wide trends are in energy usage and what new developments are in progress – EG to look into this,	EG
		b. What the demands are by usage sectors within the Town – SLP will look into this,	SLP
		c. What are the energy sources currently used within the town, ie:	
		i. Oil	
		ii. Electric	
		iii. Gas (propane)	
		iv. Wood & pellets (biomass) and the percentage of homes, businesses and town buildings using these different sources,	
		d. Projections of future supply and demand may be attempted after the above 3 subject are known;	
		4. It was agreed that each of the PEG	

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		members will take a topic from the list of Renewable Energy Sources to learn more in detail what they entail and how they may be relevant on the future energy source profile of the Town: a. SLP will study biomass, b. EG will study solar and hydro, c. KF will study wind generation and look into what other renewable sources exist for our geographic location, d. HVM will study geothermal	SLP EG KF HVM
		5. PEG will draft policy recommendations for each of these renewable sources to include in the Town Plan; 6. Item V was briefly discussed, but focus for the next meeting will be on items III and IV;	
14.06.03	PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy)	1. Harry mentioned that we brought up the issue of the PACE program with the Planning Commission and emphasized that the PEG members need to more fully understand the program and it's benefit to the Town, as there was much confusion amongst the Commission about the nature of the program.	PEG
14.06.04	Next meeting	Sue asked that the next meeting be held on the <u>2nd Wednesday July 9, 2014</u> @ 12:00 noon in lieu of the 1 st week for <u>this month only</u> in the Pawlet Town Hall.	

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary