

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 28, 2016 @ 12:00 p.m.

Location: Pawlet Town Hall Conference Room

Members in Attendance: Elizabeth Gibson egib@vermontel.net
Nancy Morlino nancym259@aol.com
Harry Van Meter via Skype hevanmeter@gmail.com

Members Absent: Ken Friedman kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com
Sue LaPorte sel53@vermontel.net

Others Attending: Tim Hughes-Muse pawletselectbrd@vermontel.net
James Holtzman, Clean Energy Design jamesmholtzman@gmail.com
Steven Richard, Richard Electric srichard@richardelectric.com

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.

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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16.03.01	Meeting Minutes	The minutes from the last monthly meeting on January 25, 2016 have been distributed and posted at the town website, http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices/energy-group/ . There were no corrections.	
16.03.02	Vermont Climate Economy Summit	In lieu of a February meeting, Nancy and Elizabeth attended the climate economy summit convened by the Vermont Council on Rural Development in Randolph on February 22, 2016. Nancy reported on that conference to the Select Board at their March 15 meeting.	
16.03.03	PACE program	The Select Board formally adopted the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program on February 16, 2016.	
16.03.04	Clean Energy Design Solar Proposal for Town Landfill	James Holtzman from Clean Energy Design Group and Steven Richard of Richard Electric came to continue the conversation about a solar array on the town landfill site in West Pawlet. Steven would be the project manager along with Dan Griffin, James' partner at CEDG. They are talking about a roughly 10-acre array, owned by a PPA (power purchase agreement) provider that would lease the land from the Town for about \$25K per year for 25 years. James says the first step is for the Town to sign the nonbinding Letter of Intent. After that the details of the lease agreement would be firmed up. Settling on the lease agreement would take about 3 months. The Energy Group and Select Board need to decide whether the Town wants to sign the LOI; CEDG is investigating further the feasibility of the site (they were headed over there after our meeting) and will be back in touch. Nancy is planning to check on similar projects. She calculates that at \$25K per MW, a project should be able to offer \$2.5K for every 100 kW over the initial 1 MW.	NM, EG
16.03.05	Ben Bolaski, SunCommon	Ben is now planning to attend our April 25 meeting to talk about SunCommon's residential solar program in the Rutland region.	

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16.03.06	Solar array for Mettawee Community School	Nancy reported that Grassroots Solar (Bill Laberge) has been contacted about this project, but until the state permitting issue has been resolved for any project greater than 15 kW, nothing is going to happen.	
16.03.07	Next meeting	The next regular monthly meeting of the Pawlet Energy Group is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 12 PM, at the Town Hall.	All

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Gibson, Temporary Secretary