

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: Monday, May 25, 2015 @ 12:00 noon

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Nancy Morlino nancym259@aol.com
Cintia Morrissey amiconst@gmail.com
Harry Van Meter hevanmeter@gmail.com

Others in Attendance:

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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<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
15.05.01	Meeting Minutes	The minutes from our last meeting on April 27, 2015 meeting have been distributed and posted at the town website, http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices-energy-group/ .	EG
15.05.02	PACE program	Elizabeth reported that the paperwork on adopting the PACE program had been received by the Select Board from Efficiency Vermont for approval, after the voters had approved Pawlet as a PACE district (property assessed clean energy), with Efficiency Vermont as the program administrator, in the March town election. The Select Board has asked John Thrasher to review the paperwork before formally adopting the program.	EG
15.05.03	Pawlet Streetlight Study	Nancy has reported via email that all streetlights have now been converted to LED fixtures.	NM
15.05.04	Energy Section of Pawlet Town Plan	Elizabeth is regularly attending meetings of the Pawlet Planning Commission and will ask Barbara Noyes Pulling from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, who is helping the Town revise the Pawlet Town Plan, to work with the outline that the energy group has submitted to the planning commission. The energy group will review the draft section to be sure it reflects local concerns. Siting of solar arrays is a key issue; see info at VECAN website: http://www.vecan.net/going-solar-in-vermont/	EG
15.05.05	Energy Section of Rutland Regional Plan	Elizabeth reviewed the energy section of the regional plan and forwarded comments to Barbara Noyes-Pulling and copied members of the PEG.	EG

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15.05.06	Future Activities	Once the PACE program is formally adopted by the Select Board, the PEG will plan some information sessions for the public and will ask Efficiency Vermont to help with that effort.	
15.05.07	Town Hall heating system for auditorium	We are waiting to review Rich Baker's estimate before making a recommendation to the Select Board. Elizabeth is checking on the status of this estimate and hopes to have a report to Sarah Ludlam before the Select Board meets tomorrow.	EG
15.05.08	Next meeting	The next meeting of the Pawlet Energy Group is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2015, 12 PM, at the Town Hall.	

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Gibson, Temporary Secretary