

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: Monday, September 28, 2015 @ 12:00 noon

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

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

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

Others Attending:

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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15.09.01	Meeting Minutes	The minutes from our last meeting on July 27, 2015, have been distributed and posted at the town website, http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices/energy-group/ . There was no meeting in August.	EG
15.09.02	PACE program	Elizabeth reported that the Select Board had checked with Efficiency VT to confirm that there is no limitation on the amount of time the board takes to adopt the PACE program approved by the voters last March. The board has been corresponding with Efficiency VT regarding some technical issues that John Thrasher raised when he reviewed the PACE documents that the board must sign.	EG
15.09.03	Energy Section of Pawlet Town Plan	Elizabeth reported that the Planning Commission had suggested removing any reference to a date by which the energy group should share its five-year list of projects with the Select Board.	All
15.09.04	Tentative 5-year plan	We discussed those projects to include in our five-year plan, some of which we have already completed this year: LED streetlights, PACE program approval, solar assessment for Mettawee Community School, heat system for the Town Hall auditorium, possible solar array sites in Pawlet's industrial zones; energy-efficient, affordable housing such as Habitats for Humanity.	All
15.09.05	Town Hall heating system for auditorium	We talked about the various proposals that have been made for the heating system and decided to continue the conversation on the following day with Ed Cleveland of the select board and Meg Campbell of Historic Preservation when Meg comes for her annual review of the building.	All

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15.09.06	Solar Array for Mettawee Community School	Nancy reported that the UD#47 board is considering proposals for solar panels for the school. Rooftop panels won't work because of the condition of the roof, so other options regarding siting and financing are being considered. The school board has received proposals from three vendors. Nancy is planning to attend the next UD#47 board meeting to see what they decide.	NM
15.09.07	Future Activities	Our work over the next months will be to identify some projects to focus on over the next five years, per our conclusions in the energy chapter of the Town Plan. Elizabeth also alerted the group to some upcoming dates: Button-Up Day of Action is November 1 and the annual VECAN conference in Fairlee is Saturday, December 5.	All
15.09.08	Next meeting	The next meeting of the Pawlet Energy Group is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015, 12 PM, at the Town Hall.	

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Gibson, Temporary Secretary