

# Town of Pawlet, Vermont

## Energy Group Meeting

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**Date and Time:** Monday August 25, 2014 @ 12:00 noon

**Location:** Pawlet Town Hall

**Members in Attendance:** Elizabeth Gibson [egib@vermontel.net](mailto:egib@vermontel.net)  
Nancy Morlino [nancym259@aol.com](mailto:nancym259@aol.com)  
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Harry Van Meter [hevanmeter@gmail.com](mailto:hevanmeter@gmail.com)

**Members Absent:** Cintia Morrissey [amiconst@gmail.com](mailto:amiconst@gmail.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.

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.*

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
14.08.01	Replacement of Town Street Lights	1. Elizabeth will announce the trial turn-off program, approved by the Pawlet Planning Commission (PPC), in all local papers, on the website, in the Pawlet eNewsletter and eventually in the print Newsletter stating that the Selectboard supports the fixture cutback;	<b>EG</b>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Nancy has set up an email address <a href="mailto:PaweltEnergyGroup@gmail.com">PaweltEnergyGroup@gmail.com</a> for residents to send comments. Nancy gave the password to PEG members to log onto the email;</li><li>3. There was discussion regarding several recommended changes to the previous list of lights to be shut off;</li><li>4. Nancy said that we need to find out who is responsible for replacing burned out bulbs and what the protocol is for working with GMP for replacement;</li><li>5. Nancy will call GMP and arrange for bulb replacement of burned out bulbs and fixture turn-offs at the same time;</li><li>6. It was agreed that after the trial is complete a responsibility protocol needs to be set up for continuous monitoring of the Town street lights.</li></ol>	<b>NM</b>
14.08.02	Town Energy Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. It was agreed that going forward the PEG needs to have a collaborative relationship with the Pawlet Planning Commission (PPC) regarding future land use and economic development planning legislation;</li><li>2. Elizabeth will attend tonight's PPC meeting to review PEG's recommended outline for the Town Plan Energy Section of the 2015 Town Plan revisions – Elizabeth distributed the latest draft to PEG members. It was reviewed and, by consensus, it will be submitted to the PPC as recommended;</li><li>3. Harry said that he will keep the item to contact the Wentworths on rt 153 West Pawlet to discuss their experience with a geothermal system they installed over a year ago in the meeting notes going forward as a reminder that the Group wants to follow up on this;</li><li>4. There was also a suggestion that we invite the Larsons of North Pawlet Road to speak to the Group at a future meeting about their barn roof-mounted solar panels.</li></ol>	<b>EG</b>

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14.08.03	PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy)	1. There was no further discussion on this topic at this meeting, but follow-up will be forthcoming.	<b>Outstanding</b>
14.08.04	Next meeting	Monday September 22, 2014 @ 12:00 noon in the Pawlet Town Hall.	

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary