

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Date and Time: Monday September 22, 2014 @ 12:00 noon

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

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

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

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.

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| 14.09.01 | Replacement of Town Street Lights | 1. Elizabeth said that announcements of the trial turn-off program were placed in the Pawlet eNewsletter, the Manchester Journal, the Lakes Region Free Press and the Vermont News Guide, as well as posted in the Pawlet and West Pawlet Post Offices, | EG |

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| | | Mach's General Store and Town Hall; | |
| | | 2. Nancy and Elizabeth said that email comments have been received and compiled for discussion; | |
| | | 3. Nancy said that the Town does not save money or energy because the lights are turned off, or even when they are burned out, since GMP charges an annual tariff for lease and use of the fixture; | |
| | | 4. Nancy said that she is meeting with GMP tomorrow morning at 9:00am to drive by and identify the lights that are on the schedule for turn off; | |
| | | 5. Nancy said that the GMP road crew will then come back and turn off lights on the schedule and replace burned out bulbs in fixtures that are to stay on, but are not working; | NM |
| | | 6. Nancy will ask GMP how the on/off is controlled; | |
| | | 7. Nancy said that the economics of waiting until the fixtures fully depreciate before switching to LED fixtures may no longer be prudent, due to the number of fixtures being eliminated and the cost savings of operating more efficient fixtures. Nancy also said that incentives for changing out the fixtures are expiring, giving another reason to make the switch sooner rather than later. | NM |
| 14.09.02 | Town Energy Plan | 1. At the next meeting the PEG needs to resume work on the Town Plan energy section; | |
| | | 2. Elizabeth asked that all PEG members review the outline that was reviewed at the August meeting (which was submitted to the PPC) and come to the next meeting prepared with comments for discussion; | EG |
| | | 3. Elizabeth asked that PEG members also revisit technical assignments made at the June 4, 2014 meeting, item 14.06.02 para 4.a-d, so parts of the outline can be | All |

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| | | assigned to those members for further development. | |
| | | 4. The Wentworths on rt 153 West Pawlet will be invited to a future PEG meeting to discuss their experience with a residential geothermal system; | HVM |
| | | 5. The Larsons of North Pawlet Road will be invited to a future PEG to meeting speak about their barn roof-mounted solar panels. | HVM |
| 14.09.03 | PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) | 1. Elizabeth will speak with Deb Hawkins regarding the process of getting PACE on the ballot scheduled for the 1 st Tuesday in March. | EG |
| 14.09.04 | Next meeting | Monday October 27, 2014 @ 12:00 noon in the Pawlet Town Hall. PEG meetings are the 4 th Monday of every month. Harry & Ken will work out the details of video conferencing before the next meeting. | |

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary