

# Town of Pawlet, Vermont

## Energy Group Meeting

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### Meeting Notes

**Date and Time:** Wednesday June 5, 2013 @ 12:00 noon

**Location:** Pawlet Town Hall

**Members in Attendance:** Sue LaPorte [sel53@vermontel.net](mailto:sel53@vermontel.net)  
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**Members**

**Absent:**

**Others in Attendance:** Bruce Sirjane [bruce@sledwraps.com](mailto:bruce@sledwraps.com)

**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 roles in revising 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>
13.06.01	April meeting	There was no meeting held in May, so the Group reviewed the notes from the April meeting. No exceptions were taken.	

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13.06.02	Potential new member	1. Bruce Sirjane of Kelly Hill Road introduced himself and indicated that he may be interested in becoming a member of the Group.	
13.06.03	Follow-up on RegionSolar	1. Sue said that she had taken Rex James for a tour of sites in the Town for possible solar field installations; 2. Results of the tour were inconclusive, since many of the sites visited were not compatible with RegionSolar's requirements, ie: proximity to phase 3 power distribution & site orientation.	
13.06.04	Town Hall weatherization	1. It was determined that the Town needs to raise \$1,710 to complete the weatherization program; 2. Elizabeth suggested that the Energy Group initiate a fun raiser through the online group Indiegogo; 3. Harry said that Kickstarter is a similar group, but it was pointed out that Kickstarter is primarily for projects related to the arts; 4. Cintia suggested that we contact local companies to donate; she will follow up; 5. It was noted that the funding would need to be completed by August 1 <sup>st</sup> and that the work would have to be complete by August 31 <sup>st</sup> to qualify for the Efficiency Vermont rebates; 6. Names and other information about donors needs to be sent to Elizabeth who will send letters and receipts to donors for tax write-offs; 7. There was discussion about what to do with excess funds not required for the weatherization project: a. Sue suggested that they could be used for other energy related work that needs to be done in the Town Hall like storm windows, efficient	CM EG

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		lighting for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor and connecting the heating ducts to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor.	
13.06.05	LED Street Lights	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Efficiency Vermont is pushing for Towns to install LED street lights;</li><li>2. Sue said that she would contact Brenda Spafford at Green Mountain Power to find out how many fixture are currently installed;</li><li>3. An inventory of fixture would have to be done;</li><li>4. The location of all existing street lights should be added to the map layers being added to the Town GIS maps.</li></ol>	SLP  HVM
13.06.06	Follow-up on the Efficiency Vermont Weatherization Challenge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sue said that her brother's house would be used for the "test case" house;</li><li>2. Sue will call Neighborworks of Western Vermont to get further information;</li><li>3. Sue and Elizabeth will attend the Heat Squad meeting of Neighborwork of Western Vermont to be held in West Rutland on June 17, 2013 at 6pm.</li></ol>	SLP  SLP/EG
13.06.07	Town Plan Energy Section	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. All members of the Group are to review the Energy Section of the 2010 Town Plan, available on the Town website, for discussion at the next meeting;</li><li>2. The final draft of the 2015 Town Plan needs to be complete by the fall on 2014 for the Planning Commission to submit to the Select Board.</li></ol>	All
13.06.08	Next meeting	Wednesday July 3, 2013 @ 12:00 noon in the Pawlet Town Hall	

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary