



**Minutes for Town of Pawlet Energy Group**  
**Pawlet, VT**  
**Monday, May 22, 2017, 12:00 PM**  
**Town Hall Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

Elizabeth Gibson, [egib@vermontel.net](mailto:egib@vermontel.net)  
Harry Van Meter, [hevanmeter@gmail.com](mailto:hevanmeter@gmail.com)

**Members Absent:**

Ken Friedman, [kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com](mailto:kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com)  
Nancy Morlino, [nancym259@aol.com](mailto:nancym259@aol.com)

**Audience:**

Frank Nelson, West Pawlet

**Others Copied:**

Deb Hawkins, [pawletclerk@vermontel.net](mailto:pawletclerk@vermontel.net)

**Purpose 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.

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**Item 1: Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the last monthly meeting on April 17, 2017 have been distributed and posted at the town website, <http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices/energy-group/>.

**Item 2: Review Energy Fair held on April 22, 2017**

We estimate that about 60-70 people came to the fair. We've received very positive feedback on the talks that were given. Elizabeth reported that she knows of at least one home solar project in Pawlet that has moved forward as a result.

We discussed some things that we might do differently next year. Harry suggested having the talks and displays in the same place instead of upstairs/downstairs. Elizabeth mentioned that one of the speakers had suggested moving the date to March instead of April so as not to conflict with outside activities (gardening, etc.) that tend to start up in April. Frank Nelson suggested recording/videotaping the talks, and we could possibly get PEG TV to do that. Also, we did not include any updates on the PACE program as part of the presentation from Efficiency Vermont.

Elizabeth reported that we had taken in only \$20 in donations, which she will give to Judy Coolidge for the town hall restoration fund.

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### **Item 3: Solar Proposal for Town Landfill**

This project is still on hold until after the energy fair. Frank says he has been talking with several people in West Pawlet about this project and thinks it's important that those who can't have residential solar can benefit. He also talked about tying in carbon reduction with energy savings.

### **Item 4: Next Meeting**

The next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, June 26, 2017, 12 PM, at the Town Hall. The agenda for that meeting will be:

- Review minutes from last meeting (5 minutes)
- Old business: landfill solar site (30 minutes)
- New business: (10 minutes)
- Audience (10 minutes)

*Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Gibson*